



TOWN OF ROCKLAND MASSACHUSETTS 2009 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



Specialist United States Army/Massachusetts National Guard

MATTHEW M. POLLINI

April 4, 1987 – January 22, 2009



**FAREWELL
TO A
HERO**





Matthew M. Pollini a Specialist in the United States Army/Massachusetts National Guard died Thursday, January 22, 2009 in Iraq near al-Kut. He was mobilized in October 2008 and on December 26, 2008, four days after his marriage to Sarah A. (Cochran) Pollini, he was deployed overseas. A mini honeymoon was planned on Cape Cod when he was scheduled to return in October and then Matt and Sarah planned to renew their wedding vows and have their “dream wedding” in 2012. Specialist Pollini was serving with the 772nd Military Police Company, an Army National Guard unit out of Taunton. Matthew is remembered by his family as a fun-loving “goofball” who liked to make people laugh. A motorcade with a majestic horse-drawn military caisson (back cover) found the streets in Rockland lined with students, business owners and residents as it made its way through the “Arch of the Fallen” constructed by the Rockland/Hanover Fire Departments in front of Holy Family Church.

This was the second soldier the Town of Rockland lost in 20 months in the Iraq/Afghanistan War. Walter K. O’Haire was laid to rest in May of 2007. Wally and Matt will forever be in our hearts as Rockland again pays tribute to our fallen heroes.



Walter K. O’Haire
5/15/86 – 5/9/07



Matthew M. Pollini
4/4/87 – 1/22/09

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF ROCKLAND

MASSACHUSETTS



For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009

Obituary



Catherine M. Young

5/14/17 – 7/31/09

Rockland's First Woman Selectman

Catherine Young (92) passed away peacefully on July 31, 2009. Always an active member of the community, Catherine served on many board and committees. She enjoyed the Finance Committee and was a life long Democrat. As Rockland's first woman selectman she held this post for 12 years. Catherine was also known for her openness in government and readiness to help the citizens of Rockland. She was an advocate at the state level for the CEDA Program which helped to bring many jobs to Rockland. Catherine will be fondly remembered by family, friends and the citizens of Rockland she cared so much about.

IN MEMORIAM

2009

February 18	William Crovo	Police Officer/Safety Officer
February 23	Thomas D. Borelli	Planning Board
February 26	Marie F. Ryan	Centennial Committee
March 15	Helen Lyons	Cafeteria
March 30	Mary A. Ellis	Visiting Nurse
April 6	James Roberts	Park Department
May 27	James A. Flanagan	Library Trustee
June 22	Ralph J. Murphy	Selectman
July 5	William W. Kelly	Industrial Arts Dept.
July 6	Ann L. May	Treasurer's Office
July 8	Mary B. McSharry	Teacher
July 31	Catherine Young	Selectman
August	Margaret Buckley	Teacher
September 6	Mark Duquette	Water Department
September 27	Edythe E. Kersey	Asst. Town Accountant
October 7	Eldridge W. Buffum	Housing Authority
November 27	Elizabeth M. Roberts	Library Trustee

Town Clerk's Report

**2009
FEDERAL OFFICERS**

2009 - 111th U.S. Congress (2nd Session)

UNITED STATES SENATORS IN CONGRESS

(Washington, D.C.)

Six year term

Two elected from Eleventh Massachusetts Congressional District:

Edward M. Kennedy (D-Barnstable) Deceased

John F. Kerry (D-Boston)

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

(Washington, D.C.)

Two year term

Tenth Congressional District

William D. Delahunt (D-Quincy)

**STATE OFFICERS
MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

GOVERNOR

Deval L. Patrick, Milton (D)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Timothy P. Murray, Worcester (D)

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH (4 year term)

William Francis Galvin, Boston (D)

ATTORNEY GENERAL (4 year term)

Martha Coakley, Medford (D)

TREASURER (4 year term)

Timothy P. Cahill, Quincy (D)

AUDITOR (4 year term)

A. Joseph DeNucci, Newton (D)

COUNCILLOR (2 year term) Fourth District

Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., Boston (D)

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
(General Court)

SENATE (40 Members)

SENATE PRESIDENT

Therese Murray, Plymouth (D)

STATE SENATOR (2 year term)

Norfolk & Plymouth District

Michael W. Morrissey, Quincy (D)

State House, Room 413D, Boston, MA 02133

(617) 722-1494

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

160 Representatives elected

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE (2 year term)

Salvatore F. DiMasi, Boston (D)(Resigned 1/27/09)

Robert DeLeo, Winthrop (D)(Apt'd 1/28/09)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE (2 year term)

5th Plymouth District

Robert J. Nyman, Hanover (D)

State House, Room 527A, Boston, MA 02133

(617) 722-2020

PLYMOUTH COUNTY OFFICERS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (4 year term)

Timothy J. Cruz, Marshfield (R) **

CLERK OF COURTS (6 year term)

Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Brockton (D) **

REGISTER OF PROBATE & INSOLVENCY (6 year term)

Robert E. McCarthy, E. Bridgewater (D) ***

REGISTER OF DEEDS (6 year term)

John R. Buckley, Jr., Brockton (D) **

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (4 year term)

One elected every 4 years

Two elected every 4 years

Timothy J. McMullen, Pembroke (D) **

John P. Riordan, Marshfield (D) ***

Anthony Thomas O'Brien, Whitman (D) ***

COUNTY TREASURER (6 year term)

Thomas J. O'Brien, Kingston (D) ***

SHERIFF (6 year term)

Joseph D. McDonald, Jr., Kingston (R) *

* Elected November 2, 2004

** Elected November 7, 2006

*** Elected November 4, 2008

COUNTIES IN MASSACHUSETTS (14)

Barnstable	Franklin	Norfolk
Berkshire	Hamden	PLYMOUTH (Rockland)
Bristol	Hampshire	Suffolk
Dukes	Middlesex	Worcester
Essex	Nantucket	

ROCKLAND POSTMASTER

Donald Nelson

TOWN OF ROCKLAND INFORMATION

First Settled: The town first settled around 1673. It was formerly the northeast section of Abington. Population was 4,000 when incorporated under its present name.

Name: Rockland derived its name geologically from its rocky nature. A "large rock" is mentioned in the description of the Town Seal.

Incorporated: March 9, 1874. (Acts of 1874-Chapter 44)

Town Seal: For complete description of Town Seal, see Town of Rockland By-Laws, Chapter 153.

County: Plymouth

Location: Southeastern Massachusetts. Rockland is approximately 20 miles from Boston; 8 miles from Brockton, and is bordered by the following towns:
North by Weymouth and Hingham
South by Hanson
East by Norwell and Hanover
West by Whitman and Abington

Population:	FEDERAL CENSUS	TOWN CENSUS
	2000 - 17,670	2009 - 18,345
	1990 - 16,123	2008 - 18,086
	1980 - 15,370	2007 - 18,045
	1970 - 15,674	2006 - 17,100

Total Registered Voters: As of December 31, 2009– 11,809

Town Charter: Adopted March 8, 1969 at Annual Town Election. Charter became effective on January 1, 1970.

Annual Town Election: Second Saturday in April

Annual Town Meeting: A date to be determined by the Board of Selectmen not later than January 31 each year

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Land Area: 10.07 Square miles

Miles of Streets: 61 ½ miles

Number of Parcels: 5,600

Altitude: Highest: 180 feet above mean sea level
Lowest: 92.73 feet above mean sea level

Latitude: North 42° 8m

Longitude: West 70° 55m

Topographic Characteristics:

Gently rolling terrain with one hill (Beech Hill) in the south which rises to about 180 feet, which is 80 feet above general local elevation of 100 feet above mean sea level. Rockland is highest point of land in Plymouth County.

U.S. Geological Survey Topographic Plates:

Rockland is shown on Whitman and Weymouth Quadrangles

Rockland is included in the following areas and districts:

Tenth Massachusetts Congressional District

Fourth Councilor District

Norfolk & Plymouth Senate District

Fifth Plymouth State Representative District

Boston Metropolitan Area

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND
2009
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
TOWN CLERK	
Mary Pat Kaszanek	2012
TOWN TREASURER	
Karen M. Sepeck	2012
TOWN COLLECTOR	
Judith A. Hartigan	2012
TOWN MODERATOR	
Paul L. Cusick, Jr.	2010
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
James F. Simpson	2010
Michael E. Zupkofska	2010
Michael P. Johnson	2011
Deborah A. O'Brien	2011
Lawrence J. Chaffee	2012
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	
Harvey J. Smith (Resigned 7/20/09)	2010
Heidi Hosmer (To replace Harvey Smith Until Election)	2010
Dennis M. Robson, Chairman	2011
Jeffrey S. Reale	2012
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Patricia A. Halliday, Chairman	2010
Victoria T. Deibel	2011
Stephen B. Nelson	2012
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
James A. Flanagan (Deceased 5/27/09)	2010
Carol Cahill (To Replace James Flanagan Until Election)	2010
Faith Heffernan (To Replace Denise Wallace Until Election)	2010
Denise M. Wallace (Resigned)	2010
Marie Buchan Colburn	2011
Laura A. Walsh	2011
Kathleen M. Looney, Chairman	2012
Richard L. Tetzlaff	2012
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS	
Richard T. Furlong	2010
Mark F. Maguire	2011
Robert F. Mahoney, Chairman	2012

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Gerald F. Esposito, III	2010
William E. Stewart	2011
Walter L. Simmons, Chairman	2012

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Raymond Campanile, Chairman	2010
William T. Low	2011
Robert Corvi, Sr.	2012

HIGHWAY SUPRINTENDENT

Robert Corvi, Jr.	2010
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HOUSING AUTHORITY

Irene Boudrot, Resident Commissioner	
Rita M. Howes	
(Appointed by State)	
Eldridge W. Buffum, Chairman (Deceased)	2010
Mary Jane Letizia	2011
John W. Rogers	2012
Robert A. Sullivan	2014

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Rice	2010
Donald J. Cann	2011
Michael P. Corbett	2012
Thomas Henderson, Chairman	2013
Robert L. Mahoney	2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Michael P. Mullen, Jr.	2010
Marilyn J. Werkheiser	2010
Michelle E. Pezzella	2011
Thomas F. Mills, Jr.	2012
Mark S. Norris, Chairman	2012

2009
APPOINTED OFFICERS – COMMITTEES, ETC.

ACCOUNTANT, TOWN (Appointed by Selectmen)
Eric A. Hart

AGING, COUNCIL ON (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Mary A. Ellis (Deceased March 30, 2009))	2009
Nancy Callahan	2010
Cynda Childs	2010
Eleanor Cole	2010
Edward Borges	2011
Rita M. Howes	2011
Barbara McGarry (Resigned 2/17/09)	2011
Sandra Pelland	2011
Audrey Ryan	2011
Lurana Crowley	2012
Grace DiTocco	2012
Ruth E. Gobeil	2012
Beverly Ladner	2012

AGING, COUNCIL ON, DIRECTOR (Appointed by Selectmen)
Margaret Bryan

AGING, COUNCIL ON, OUTREACH COORDINATOR
Eleanor Murphy

AGING, COUNCIL ON, VAN DRIVER (Appointed by Selectmen)
Liza Landy

AMERICAN'S WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COORDINATOR

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Patricia A. Whittemore	2010

ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (Appointed by Selectmen)

SPECIAL ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS
(Appointed by Selectmen)

ANIMALS, INSPECTOR OF (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Patricia A. Whittemore	2010

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR/APPRAISER (Appointed by Assessors)
Joseph A. Gibbons (Resigned)

ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTOR (Appointed by Selectmen)
Jill Stewart

ASSISTANT TO TOWN CLERK (Appointed by Town Clerk)
Randalin S. Ralston

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER (Appointed by Treasurer)	
Jane Sforza	
BUILDINGS, INSPECTOR OF (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Thomas E. Ruble	2010
Robert Curran - Alternate Building Inspector	2010
BURIAL AGENT, TOWN (Appointed by Board of Health)	
Mary Pat Kaszanek	
CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
John Cole Green	2010
Kathryn V. Green	2012
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen (2), School Committee (1), Finance Committee (2) and Moderator (2))	
Finance Committee - John Ellard	2010
School Comm. - A. Scott MacKinlay	2010
Moderator - Kenneth Murphy	2010
Finance Comm - Joseph Gambon	2011
Selectmen - Kelli O'Brien McKinnon	2011
Moderator - Joseph Waisgerber	2011
Selectmen - Richard Phelps	2012
CHARTER MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
CHARTER REVIEW AND STUDY COMMISSION (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Dawn Kane	
Kelli O'Brien-McKinnon(Resigned 8/12/09)	
Keven Pratt	
Jared Valanzola	
William Minahan	2010
Heidi Hosmer	2012
CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Allan R. Chiocca	2010
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Barbara Hagopian	
Heidi Hosmer	
Carol Perilli	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Lorraine M. Pratt	2010
Angelo J. Triantaffellow	2010
Charlene Judge	2011
Roland A. Pigeon	2011
Victor Solari	2011
Douglas A. Golemme, Chairman	2012
Virginia Hoffman	2012

CONSERVATION CORPS (Appointed by Conservation Commission)	
George H. Anderson, Director	
Robert Ingeno	
CONSTABLES (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Kevin Dalton	2010
Kevin C. McKenna	2010
Adam P. Loomis	2011
Jerold Loomis	2011
John Torchio	2011
Robert Brown	2012
COUNSEL, LAND USE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	
12/15/2009	
COUNSEL, TAX TITLE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Attorney Laura Brown	2010
COUNSEL, TOWN AND LABOR (Appointed by Selectmen)	
John J. Clifford, Esq.	2010
CULTURAL COUNCIL (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Kathleen Folino	2010
Dorothy McCauley	2010
Marcia Adams	2011
Janet Cann	2011
Janet Counihan	2011
Adrienne Donovan	2011
Patricia Isaac	2011
Jane Tetzlaff	2011
Sheila Webster Togo	2011
DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF TAXES (Appointed Annually by Tax Collector)	
John Y. Brady	2009
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD – Planning Board Members	
Donald J. Cann	
Michael Corbett	
Thomas Henderson	
Robert L. Mahoney	
Robert Rice	
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Robert Bowles	2010
DOG HEARING OFFICER (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Allan R. Chiocca	2010
EDUCATION FUND COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Deborah M. Connell	2011
Cora Leonardi	2011

ENERGY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)

Frank DelPrete	2010
Heidi Hosmer	2010
Michael P. Mullen Jr.	2010
James R. Paul, Jr.	2011
Carol Perilli	2011
Stephen P. Johnson	2012
Philip Wood	2012

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS

Mary B. Stewart	(Appointed by Selectmen)
Jeanne Gianatassio	(Appointed by Police Chief)
Mary P. Ryan	(Appointed by Fire Chief)

FENCE VIEWER (Appointed by Selectmen)

Thomas Ruble	2010
Alternate	
Angelo Triantaffellow	2010

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Appointed by Moderator – 15 Members)

William H. Minahan, Jr., Chairman (Resigned 6/30/09)	2009
Paula Ferguson	2010
Richard Penny	2010
Steven J. Savicke (Resigned 6/30/09)	2010
William Allen	2011
John Ellard	2011
Joseph P. Gambon	2011
Robert B. MacDonald	2011
Larry Ryan (Resigned 8/13/09)	2011
Dolores Baronas	2012
Ian Curran	2012
Rachel Gear	2012
Julia Shaffer	2012
Caryn Stevens	2012

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

(Appointed by Selectmen)

J. Michael Sammon (Retired 1/3/09)
Interim Fire Chief - Deputy Chief William Ferguson (Resigned)
Interim Fire Chief - Robert A. Dipoli

FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)

Mark G. Flaherty
James F. Killinger
Edward Kimball
Arnold Laramee
Patricia Murphy
James Reardon
Charles Williams

FOREST COMMITTEE, TOWN (Appointed by Conservation Commission)

George Anderson
Virginia M. Anderson
Robert Ingeno
James Norman
Michael O'Brien

GAS INSPECTORS (Appointed by Selectmen)

William Stewart 2010
Gary Young – Alternate 2010

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

HEALTH AGENT (Appointed by Board of Health)

Janice McCarthy

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (Appointed by Selectmen)

William Ferguson 2010
Adrienne Donovan 2011
Peter Dow 2011
Andrew J. Townson, III 2011
James R. Paul, Jr. 2012

HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

(Appointed by Housing Authority Commissioners)

Carolyn J. Gunderway

Resident Commissioner

Irene Boudrot

Appointed by State

Rita Howes

INTERNET COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)

Barbara Hagopian 2011

IT COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)

Eric Hart 2010
William Minahan 2010
Tim Wells 2010

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

(Appointed by Library Trustees)

Beverly C. Brown

MBTA ADVISORY BOARD (Appointed by Selectmen)

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Burton T. Chandler	2010
Mary Jane Letizia	2010
Anton F. Materna	2010
John R. Melvin	2010
Thomas Murrill	2010
Jeffrey P. Najarian	2010
Angelo J. Triantaffelow	2010
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Robert Rice	2012
MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER (Appointed by Selectmen)	
James F. Killinger	2011
OLD COLONY ELDERLY SERVICES (Appointed by Council on Aging)	
Cynda Childs	
Ruth Gobeil – Alternate	
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Rita M. Howes	2010
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Edward Givler	2010
Katherine Kirby	2011
George H. Anderson	2012
Michael Bromberg	2012
Donald Cann, Chairman	2012
Scott MacFaden	2012
James Norman	2012
PARK DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT (Appointed by Park Commissioners)	
Peter Ewell	
PARKING CLERK (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Elizabeth A. Parker	2010
PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE (5 Members Appointed by Moderator, 1 Designee of the School Committee and 1 Designee of the Board of Selectmen)	
Kenneth Dunn (Appointed by School Department)	
Robert Manzella	2010
Gregory Tansey	2011
Christopher Vlachos	2011
Stanley N. Cleaves	2012
ASSOCIATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBER (Appointed by Selectmen)	
John R. Lucas	2010

PLUMBING INSPECTOR CIVIL SERVICE (Appointed by Inspector of Buildings)	
William Stewart	2010
Gary Young – Alternate	2010
PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COMMISSION (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Lawrence J. Chaffee	2010
POLICE CHIEF (Appointed by Selectmen)	
John R. Llewellyn	
PRIDE COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
RECYCLING COORDINATOR (Appointed by Board of Health)	
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Teresa Dow	2010
Randalin S. Ralston	2011
Mary Ann Ceurvels	2012
Mary Pat Kaszanek, Clerk (member ex-officio)	
RENT CONTROL BOARD (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Mark Flaherty (Resigned 3/16/09)	2009
Michael Moriarty	2010
Kathleen Post (Resigned 3/16/09)	2010
Michael Reed	2010
Anne M. McDonald (Resigned 10/09)	2010
Estelle E. Stoddard	2010
Douglas Brimblecom	2011
Charles Kimball	2011
Judith Hartigan	2012
Charles Squatrito	2012
ROCKLAND AMBULANCE STUDY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
James Hannigan	2010
Kevin Henderson	2010
Edward McVeigh	2010
James Simpson	2010
Charles O. Williams, III	2010
ROCKLAND COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Paul Daigle	2010
Denise Morin	2010
Richard T. Furlong	2011
Karen Guerrette	2011

ROCKLAND SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Appointed by the Moderator (5), School Comm.(2), & Selectmen(2)

Moderator - Richard Jones	2010
Moderator - Arnold F. Laramee	2010
Moderator - Thomas Mills	2010
Moderator - John Rogers	2010
Selectmen - David Gear	2010
Selectmen - Donald F. Walsh II (Resigned)	2010
School Committee - Pamela Worden	2010
School Committee - Kenneth Dunn	2011
Moderator - Regina Quirk	2012
Selectmen - Jared Valanzola	2012
Capital Planning Committee Member - Richard Phelps	
Finance Committee Member - Richard Penney	
School Committee Member - Marilyn Werkheiser	
Selectmen Member - Lawrence Chaffee	
Superintendent of Schools - John Retchless	
Asst. Superintendent of Schools - Doric Scarpelli	
Rogers Middle School Principal - Paul Stanish	
Rockland High School Principal - Stephen Sangster	

ROUTE 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)

ROUTE 18 TASK FORCE (Appointed by Selectmen)

Chairman of the Planning Board
Robert Corvi, Jr., Highway Superintendent - Alternate

SCHOOLS, SUPERINTENDENT OF (Appointed by School Committee)

John Retchless
Doric Scarpelli - Assistant Superintendent

SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

John Loughlin

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)

SOUTH SHORE COALITION – (Appointed by Planning Board)

George Anderson

SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE (Appointed by Selectmen)

Rudolph Childs	2010
Victoria Deibel	2010
Stephen B. Nelson	2012

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER (Appointed by Selectmen)

Gerald F. Blake	2010
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SOUTH SHORE TRI-TOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

(Appointed by Selectmen)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John R. Ward

2012

Gerard Eramo

2013

ADVISORY BOARD

Robert Long

TAXATION AID COMMITTEE

(Chairman, Board of Assessors, Town Treasurer and three Residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen)

Jeanine Oliver

2010

Patricia Penney

2010

Dr. John Rogers

2010

TEEN CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)

Elaine Cormier

2010

Melinda Eisenberg-Paul

2010

Ralph Frechette

2010

Paula Lincoln Kilburn

2010

Denise Morin

2010

Beth Ryan

2010

Mark Underwood

2010

Vin Hult - Associate

2010

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR (Appointed by Selectmen)

Allan R. Chiocca

2012

TREE WARDEN (Appointed by Selectmen)

Robert Corvi, Jr.

2010

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS DIRECTOR AND VETERAN'S BURIAL AGENT

(Appointed by Selectmen)

Anton Materna

2010

WATER DEPARTMENT

Daniel F. Callahan, Manager, Joint Water Works

WEIGHTS & MEASURES, INSPECTOR OF (Appointed by Selectmen)

Thomas E. Ruble

2010

WIRES, INSPECTORS OF (Appointed by Selectmen)

James R. Paul, Jr.

2010

James J. Sawaya

2010

Alternate

Charles C. Pratt

2010

WRPS

David J. Murphy, General Manager

YOUTH COMMISSION (Appointed by Selectmen)

Kathleen Daggett	2010
Laurie Dolan	2010
Lisa Wright Murphy	2010
Richard T. Furlong	2012

YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR (Appointed by Youth Commission)

Karen Guerrette

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (Appointed by Selectmen)

Rita M. Howes	2010
Peter McDermott	2010
Robert Manzella, Chairman	2011
Gregory Tansey	2011
Anton Materna	2012

Associate/Alternate Members:

Stanley Cleaves	2010
Alan McPhee	2010
Robert Rosa	2010

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Thomas E. Ruble	2010
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**TOWN OF ROCKLAND
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 23, 2009**

QUORUM: 300

ATTENDANCE: 486

REGISTERED VOTERS: 10,536

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Paul L. Cusick, Jr. at 7:40 p.m. He announced the return of the warrant by Jerold Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

He asked that all stand to salute the flag and remain standing for a moment of silence for our deceased friends and employees of the town Becky Coit, Barbara Bombardier, Paul Fay, Tonie King, Donald Ferguson, Richard Schwerin, Douglas Jeffery, Walter Schleiff, Barbara Byrne, Gerald DelPrete, Donald Holmes, Ronald Everett, Patrick Callahan, Thomas Borelli, Marie Ryan, Bill Crovo and Diane Tanzi.

He announced the meeting is being taped.

He asked all non-residents to sit in the first three or four rows in front on his left and noticed several young children, welcomed them, thanked them for coming and mentioned they could not vote, they had to be a registered voter.

He introduced Senator Michael Morrissey who received a round of applause, and thanked him and then called upon John Ellard of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Ellard thanked everyone for coming and explained the two articles on the Warrant. The first article represents the \$637,000.00 worth of levy capacity that we did not capture at Town Meeting last May when we voted our budgets. We had assumed that we were going to raise the full amount of the tax levy available and that some of the LNR money would be left over, approximately \$600,000.00 which we hope to use for the High School science labs. In the second question we need to reduce our budgets to reflect the Governors 9C cuts.

ARTICLE 1

The Town unanimously voted to request that the Governor of the Commonwealth file the following special act with the General Court of the Commonwealth, on behalf of the Town of Rockland:

TO ESTABLISH A SUPPLEMENTARY TAX RATE

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of section Twenty Three of Chapter Fifty Nine of the General Laws or any other law to the contrary, the board of assessors of the town of Rockland, with the approval of the board of selectmen, is hereby authorized to set a supplementary tax assessment in said town, in addition to the previously approved tax assessment, to raise an amount not to exceed \$637,543.51 dollars in order to correct a clerical error for the fiscal year Two Thousand and Nine, and such tax assessment shall be collected in accordance with the provisions of chapter sixty of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE #2

The Town voted to amend Article 3 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting by modifying the following town budgets in response to the 9C cuts in Local Aid for FY2009.

Department	Previous R & A	Reduction	New R & A
Police	\$3,055,178.00	\$30,000.00	\$3,025,178.00
Fire	2,555,407.00	20,000.00	2,535,407.00
School	17,889,488.00	100,000.00	17,789,488.00
Liability Insurance	560,000.00	70,000.00	490,000.00
S.S. Votech	1,442,791.00	17,979.00	1,424,812.00
Treasurer	198,378.00	6,000.00	192,378.00
Accountant	155,222.00	18,021.00	137,201.00
Board of Health	102,709.00	8,000.00	94,709.00
Library	348,000.00	7,000.00	341,000.00
Highway	529,154.00	15,000.00	514,154.00
Transfer \$15,000 from Water receipts to Highway			

Total reduction of Raise and Appropriate \$292,000.00

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted to dissolve the meeting.

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

Mary Pat Kaszanek
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 11, 2009**

The Annual Town Election was held in the Rockland High School Gymnasium, 52 MacKinlay Way for Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the R. Stewart Esten School, 733 Summer Street for Precincts 5 and 6 on Saturday, April 11, 2009. A Warrant issued by the Selectmen March 16th was posted in each of the six precincts April 2, 2009 by Adam Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

Cards of Instructions advising voters how to mark their ballot (fill in the oval next to the candidate of your choice), Abstracts of the Laws imposing penalties on voters and Massachusetts Voters' Bill of Rights were posted as required by the Laws of the Commonwealth.

AccuVote machines were used in each precinct and there was an AutoMark machine for use by handicapped voters in each polling location. The AutoMark machines have a touch screen, VAT for a blind person as well as a braille keypad, headphones, a Puff-Sip device for a voter marking their ballot etc. The ballot is not tabulated on these machines, they are tabulated in the AccuVote machine in the precinct.

The polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. Election officials in each of the six precincts printed a zero tape of all candidates to ensure there were no votes on the tabulator and that each candidate was listed. The tape was posted in a conspicuous place in the precinct.

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. Total ballots cast were 2,476, 23% of the 10,530 registered voters. Absentee ballots included were 9 in precinct 1, 12 in precinct 2, 8 in precinct 3, 8 in precinct 4, 12 in precinct 5 and 7 in precinct 6.

Unofficial results were posted in the Rockland Town Offices at 8:20 p.m. Official results were declared as follows:

	PREC. 1	PREC. 2	PREC. 3	PREC. 4	PREC. 5	PREC. 6	TOTAL
TOWN CLERK for Three Years (vote for ONE)							
Blanks	82	105	68	66	100	91	512
Mary Pat Kaszanek	288	370	297	275	416	300	1946
Write-Ins	4	1	2	1	7	3	18
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

TREASURER for Three Years (vote for ONE)							
Blanks	107	134	83	86	129	106	645
Karen M. Sepeck	265	338	282	248	384	282	1799
Write-Ins	2	4	2	8	10	6	32
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

TOWN COLLECTOR for Three Years (vote for ONE)							
Blanks	4	2	3	6	8	9	32
Lisa C. Clark	179	185	166	139	230	153	1052
Judith A. Hartigan	137	245	172	147	239	214	1154
Carol Jean Perilli	54	44	26	50	46	18	238
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

SELECTMAN for Three Years (vote for ONE)							
Blanks	5	9	12	7	9	9	51
Lawrence J. Chaffee	191	254	194	194	281	212	1326
Louis U. Valanzola	176	213	161	140	232	173	1095
Write-Ins	2	0	0	1	1	0	4
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

ASSESSOR for Three Years (vote for ONE)

Blanks	20	32	23	21	23	19	138
Heidi S. Hosmer	169	208	146	156	225	161	1065
Jeffrey S. Reale	184	235	198	165	272	214	1268
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	3	0	5
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER for Three Years (vote for ONE)

Blanks	115	145	104	91	144	119	718
Stephen B. Nelson	258	329	262	249	374	272	1744
Write-Ins	1	2	1	2	5	3	14
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER for Five Years (vote for ONE)

Blanks	116	144	96	98	150	112	716
Robert A. Sullivan	257	329	270	243	371	280	1750
Write-Ins	1	3	1	1	2	2	10
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

LIBRARY TRUSTEES for Three Years (Vote for TWO)

Blanks	271	326	268	228	353	298	1744
Kathleen M. Looney	265	353	262	248	393	285	1806
Richard L. Tetzlaff	211	272	203	208	290	200	1384
Write-Ins	1	1	1	0	10	5	18
TOTAL	748	952	734	684	1046	788	4952

PARK COMMISSIONER for Three Years (vote for ONE)

Blanks	112	144	96	81	134	118	685
Robert F. Mahoney	260	329	269	259	383	273	1773
Write-Ins	2	3	2	2	6	3	18
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER for Five Years (vote for ONE)

Blanks	120	154	101	84	141	118	718
Robert L. Mahoney	253	317	265	256	379	274	1744
Write-Ins	1	5	1	2	3	2	14
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER for Three Years (vote for ONE)

Blanks	122	155	113	98	145	124	757
Michael P. Corbett	251	319	253	241	375	269	1708
Write-Ins	1	2	1	3	3	1	11
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER for One Year (vote for ONE)

Blanks	121	161	111	98	149	130	770
Robert G. Rice	253	314	255	241	371	263	1697
Write-Ins	0	1	1	3	3	1	9
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS for Three Years (vote for TWO)

Blanks	290	339	265	228	357	284	1763
Thomas F. Mills, Jr.	248	323	265	242	362	255	1695
Mark S. Norris	209	287	201	212	318	245	1472
Write-Ins	1	3	3	2	9	4	22
TOTAL	748	952	734	684	1046	788	4952

SEWER COMMISSIONER for Three Years (vote for ONE)

Blanks	118	152	102	94	155	122	743
Walter L. Simmons	255	322	264	246	363	269	1719
Write-Ins	1	2	1	2	5	3	14
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

WATER COMMISSIONER for Three Years (vote for ONE)

Blanks	117	160	98	99	162	127	763
Robert Corvi	246	307	259	231	348	261	1652
Write Ins	11	9	10	12	13	6	61
TOTAL	374	476	367	342	523	394	2476

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

MARY PAT KASZANEK
TOWN CLERK

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 4, 2009**

Quorum: 300

Attendance: 665

Registered Voters: 10,422

A quorum being present, the Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Moderator Paul L. Cusick, Jr. He announced the Return of the Warrant by Adam Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

He then recognized Mr. Minahan, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Minahan made a motion, it was seconded, and the Town voted to adjourn the Special Town Meeting until we open the Annual Town Meeting.

After the Annual Town Meeting was opened and adjourned, a quorum being present, he again called the Special Town Meeting to order.

Mr. Minahan made a motion, it was seconded, and the Town voted the first action be on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 1

The Town voted to transfer the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus to the Revaluation Account for purposes of funding the F.Y. 2010 Interim Valuation per DOR requirements.

ARTICLE 2

The Town voted to pass over requesting that the Governor of the Commonwealth file the following special act with the General Court of the Commonwealth, on behalf of the Town of Rockland:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND

TO ESTABLISH A SUPPLEMENTARY TAX RATE

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of section Twenty Three of Chapter Fifty Nine of the General Laws or any other law to the contrary, the Board of Assessors of the town of Rockland, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to set a supplementary tax assessment in said town, in addition to the previously approved tax assessment, to raise an amount not to exceed \$637,543.51 dollars in order to correct a clerical error for the fiscal year Two Thousand and Nine, and such tax assessment shall be collected in accordance with the provisions of chapter sixty of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 3

The Town unanimously voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Six Dollars and Ninety Two Cents (\$13,436.92) for payment of the following unpaid bills from a prior year:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department/Account</u>
Redland Insurance Company	\$2,969.22	Liability Insurance
Redland Insurance Company	\$2,745.48	Liability Insurance
Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	\$462.22	Legal Services
Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	\$7,260.00	Legal Services

ARTICLE 4

The Town voted to fund Five Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Ninety Six Dollars (\$562,096.00) of the Health Insurance line item RR, approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2008 for Five Million Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Six Dollars (\$5,216,576.00) through a transfer of Four Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$498,636.00) from Available Free Cash and Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$63,460.00) from Overlay released by the Assessors thus reducing raise and appropriate by said Five Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Ninety Six Dollars (\$562,096.00).

ARTICLE 5

The Town voted to transfer One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the Health Insurance budget (Line Item RR) to the Snow and Ice Control budget (Line Item FF).

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

A true record, attest:

Mary Pat Kaszanek, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 4, 2009**

Quorum: 300

Attendance: 665

Registered Voters: 10,422

A quorum being present, the Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Paul L. Cusick, Jr. He announced the return of the warrant signed by Adam Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

He asked that all stand and salute the flag and remain standing for the invocation and for a moment of silence for our deceased employees. He called upon Rev. Fred Boothman of the First Baptist Church who gave the invocation. A moment of silence was offered for our deceased employees and friends, Thomas Borelli, Marie Ryan, William Crovo, Diane Tanzi and Mary Ellis.

He announced the Meeting is being taped and he introduced those on stage with him, Town Clerk Mary Pat Kaszanek, Assistant Town Clerk Randy Ralston, Town Counsel John Clifford and Allan Chiocca our Town Administrator. He also recognized our State Senator Michael Morrissey and our State Representative Robert Nyman. He asked that anyone who was a non-voter sit in the designated area down front, his left side of the auditorium.

The Moderator then introduced the newly elected officials Judy Hartigan Town Collector and Jeffrey Reale Assessor. They received a round of applause. He then introduced the Finance Committee asking them to stand and remain standing and again remarking this is by far the hardest working committee in town. He stated they need some volunteers so if anyone is interested in serving on the Finance Committee, kindly see him after the meeting or call him at his home or office and he would be more than happy to talk to you about it. Members introduced were Chairman William Minahan, Jr., Dolores Baronas, John Ellard, Paula Ferguson, Joseph Gambon, Robert MacDonald, Larry Ryan and Steven Savicke, and he again thanked them for their hard work and called on Chairman Minahan to speak.

Mr. Minahan thanked everyone for coming tonight and stated it was a great crowd and joked that there must be an override in the budget. He further thanked all the department heads for their cooperation in the budget process this really difficult year, especially when you are having to cut department budgets and funding and having the ability to talk to the department heads as professionals is really refreshing. The Finance Committee went through the budget process this year and the House Ways and Means budget, and the budget as recommended is balanced to that.

Mr. Minahan explained the Finance Committee has done something different tonight. They have made two recommendations in the budgets. The first column is the normal Finance Committee recommendation. It is a balanced budget. The second amount is contingent on an override and is the new budget the department would get if the override does pass. The process is a two part process. Tonight we will vote to fund the money on the override and we will have an election May 30th to vote to spend the money. If either vote fails, there is no money for that department. Through the process of balancing the budget, they had to make drastic cuts and the override is to put those cuts back into the budget. He listed the specific cuts to the schools, Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Town Clerk, Board of Health, Highway Department, Police Department, Fire Department, leaving the Library with \$5,000.00 to be used to close the Library, no funding for the Council on Aging, Youth Commission, the Park Department reduced to one man and a tractor and stated the override is to reinstate these departments.

In addition to that, the reason we got here in major part is the economy and it is affecting the town also. In addition, people aren't buying cars, etc., so our local receipts are down from previous years. We usually get money from the state that we aren't getting and that's hurting us. We also expected money from LNR to help us out and that didn't come so in order to move

forward with this fiscal year we had to use free cash to fund the gap. That money is not available so with all these coming in addition to about a one million dollar mandate from the state for special ed, we can't support these numbers. We only raise about \$600,000.00 a year in new tax money from proposition 2 ½ and we are dependent on the state and local receipts for everything else.

Mr. Minahan wanted to thank a couple of people real quickly, he wanted to thank Eric Hart, part-time Town Accountant, Jay Simpson who helped out greatly through this budget process, Allan Chiocca and obviously the Finance Committee. Thank you and have a great night.

The Moderator referred everyone to the inside cover of the Warrant with the rules and regulations for tonight's meeting and asked that anyone who wishes to speak raise your hand, wait to be recognized by the chair, come down to one of the two podiums and speak. If you hear a motion to pass an article over, that's the same as defeating the article itself. Also, a unanimous vote is best and saves time and if he doesn't see opposition he will call it unanimous and if it is an article that takes a 2/3 or 4/5 vote and it is not unanimous, he will have the tellers come forward and count the votes.

Mr. Minahan made a motion, it was seconded, and the Town voted to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting to return to the Special Town Meeting.

After the Special Town Meeting was dissolved, the Moderator again opened the Annual Town Meeting. He called on Mr. Minahan who made a motion, it was seconded, and the Town voted the first action be on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. He made a motion, it was seconded, and the Town voted that all articles be voted in order. The Moderator then swore in the tellers, Margaret Schnabel, Peter McDermott, Anton Materna and Stanley Cleaves.

Mr. Minahan stated that the Finance Committee recommends that the amounts shown in the column captioned "Finance Committee Recommendation" be appropriated from the tax levy unless otherwise specified for fiscal year 2010 departmental operating purposes. Debt services other town expenses that the amounts shown in the column "Amount Contingent on Override" be appropriated from the tax levy contingent on the passage of a proposition two and one half referendum question under the General Laws of Chapter 59 section 21C. The Town voted this recommendation

ARTICLE 1

The Town cast their votes in the Annual Town Election April 11, 2009 for the election of candidates for the following offices:

One Town Clerk for three years
One Treasurer for three years
One Town Collector for three years
One Selectman for three years
One Assessor for three years
One Board of Health Member for three years
One Housing Authority Commissioner for five years
Two Library Trustees for three years
One Park Commissioner for three years
One Planning Board Member for five years
One Planning Board Member for three years
One Planning Board Member for one year
Two School Committee Members for three years
One Sewer Commissioner for three years
One Water Commissioner for three years

		Total Appropriation 2009-2010	Raise and Appropriate 2009-2010	Available Fund 2009-2010
A.	MODERATOR - Dept. #114			
	5100 Personnel			
	Salary	\$ -		
	TOTAL - MODERATOR	\$ -		
B.	BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Dept. #122			
	5100 Personnel			
	Salary, Town Administrator	\$ 83,386.00		
	Salary, Executive Assistant	\$ 42,121.00		
	Executive Assistant Longevity	\$ 1,500.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$ 500.00		
	Vacation Coverage	\$ 2,000.00		
	5200 Purchase of Services			
	Copy Machine Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 4,000.00		
	5400 Supplies			
	Sundries	\$ 3,400.00		
	5700 Other Charges and Expenses			
	Selectmen - MMA Dues	\$ 3,500.00		
	Advertising	\$ 500.00		
	TOTAL - BOARD OF SELECTMEN		\$ 140,907.00	
C.	FINANCE COMMITTEE - Dept. #131			
	5100 Personnel			
	Secretary	\$ 1,000.00		
	5200 Purchase of Services			
	Expenses	\$ -		
	5700 Other Charges and Expenses			
	Finance Committee - Reserve Fund	\$ 35,000.00		
	Raise and Appropriate	\$ 0.00		
	Transfer Overlay Reserve	\$ 0.00		
	TOTAL - FINANCE COMMITTEE		\$ 36,000.00	
D.	TOWN ACCOUNTANT - Dept. #135			
	5100 Personnel			
	Salary - Town Accountant	\$ 77,250.00		
	Salary - Clerical	\$ 11,327.68		
	Salary - Assistant Town Accountant	\$ 33,726.49		
	Vacation Coverage	\$ 2,700.00		
	Longevity - Assistant Town Accountant	\$ -		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$ 700.00		
	5200 Purchase of Services			
	Data Processing	\$ 27,241.15		
	5400 Supplies			
	Sundries	\$ 2,500.00		
	TOTAL - TOWN ACCOUNTANT		\$ 155,445.32	
E.	ASSESSOR - Dept. #141			
	5100 Personnel			
	Salary - Appraiser	\$ 69,619.00		
	Salary - Asst. Apraiser	\$ -		
	Salary - Clerical	\$ 63,855.00		
	Longevity	\$ 1,000.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$ 1,000.00		

	<i>Educational Incentive</i>	\$	1,000.00		
5200	Purchase of Services				
	Legal Services	\$	2,000.00		
	Maps/Engineering	\$	2,500.00		
	Computer Software	\$	4,000.00		
	Binding Tax & Deed Books	\$	400.00		
5400	Supplies				
	Sundries	\$	3,165.00		
5700	Other Charges and Expenses				
	Auto Allowance	\$	1,000.00		
	TOTAL - ASSESSORS			\$	149,539.00
F.	TREASURER - Dept. #145				
5100	Personnel				
	Salary - Treasurer	\$	56,160.00		
	Salary - Assistant Treasurer	\$	38,275.65		
	Salary - Clerical	\$	32,705.15		
	Vacation Coverage	\$	2,080.00		
	Longevity	\$	4,000.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	1,000.00		
5200	Purchase of Services				
	Treasurer - Postage	\$	3,325.00		
	Tax Title	\$	8,410.20		
	Legal	\$	1,500.00		
	Payroll Processing Fees	\$	31,000.00		
	Medicaid Billing Processing Fees	\$	19,000.00		
5400	Supplies				
	Sundries	\$	1,814.00		
5700	Other Charges and Expenses				
	Treasurer - Dues/Meetings	\$	600.00		
	TOTAL - TREASURER			\$	199,870.00
	<i>1,906.00 from water receipts</i>				
	<i>1,906.00 from sewer receipts</i>				
G.	TOWN COLLECTOR - Dept. #146				
5100	Personnel				
	Salary - Town Collector	\$	56,160.00		
	Salary, Assistant Collector	\$	32,185.00		
	Salary, Clerical	\$	10,601.00		
	Vacation Coverage	\$	2,575.00		
	Longevity	\$	800.00		
	Proficiency Pay	\$	500.00		
5200	Purchase of Services				
	Tax Title Lien - Land				
	Postage/Maintenance Supplies	\$	11,500.00		
5400	Supplies				
	Sundries	\$	1,000.00		
5700	Other Charges and Expenses				
	Dues/Meetings/Travel	\$	600.00		
	<i>Transfer - Water \$8,500.00</i>				
	<i>Transfer - Sewer \$8,500.00</i>				
	TOTAL - TOWN COLLECTOR			\$	115,921.00
H.	LEGAL SERVICES - Dept. #151				
5200	Purchase of Services				
	Town Counsel - Legal Services	\$	75,000.00		
	TOTAL - LEGAL SERVICES			\$	75,000.00

I. TOWN CLERK - Dept. #161**5100 Personnel**

Salary, Town Clerk	\$	56,160.00
Salary, Assistant Town Clerk	\$	38,276.00
Salary, Clerical	\$	28,429.00
Vacation Coverage	\$	1,713.00
Longevity	\$	1,600.00
Proficiency Incentive	\$	1,000.00

5200 Purchase of Services

Town Clerk - Bookbinding	\$	400.00
By-Law & Charter	\$	1,000.00

5400 Supplies

* Sundries	\$	1,500.00
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5700 Other Charges and Expenses

Dues & Meetings	\$	1,000.00
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TOTAL - TOWN CLERK \$ 130,578.00 \$ 500.00

Dog License Materials \$500.00

J. TOWN MTGS/ELECTIONS - Dept. #162**5100 Personnel**

Town Meetings/Elections - Personnel	\$	4,000.00
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5200 Purchase of Services

Town Meetings/Elections - Purchase	\$	4,000.00
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5400 Supplies

Town Meetings/Elections - Supplies	\$	2,000.00
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TOTAL - TOWN MTGS/ELECTIONS \$ 10,000.00

K. REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - Dept. #163**5400 Supplies**

Sundries	\$	6,800.00
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TOTAL - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS \$ 6,800.00

L. PLANNING BOARD - Dept. #175**5100 Personnel**

Salary - Secretary	\$	4,500.00
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5400 Supplies

Sundries & Expenses	\$	725.00
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TOTAL - PLANNING BOARD \$ 5,225.00

M. TOWN HALL - Dept. #192**5100 Personnel**

Vacation Coverage	\$	1,634.00
Salary - Custodian	\$	16,182.00
Proficiency Incentive	\$	500.00

5200 Purchase of Services

Utilities/Maint/Supplies	\$	46,000.00
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5400 Supplies

Town Hall Supplies	\$	2,019.00
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5700 Other Charges and Expenses

Property Maintenance	\$	2,019.00
Postage	\$	2,300.00

TOTAL - TOWN HALL \$ 70,654.00

N. TOWN REPORTS - Dept. #195**5700 Other Charges and Expenses**

Town Report and Warrant	\$	10,000.00
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TOTAL - TOWN REPORTS \$ 10,000.00

O. CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Dept. #171

5100 Personnel

Salary - Secretary	\$	500.00	
TOTAL - CONSERVATION COMMISSION			\$ 500.00

P. ZONING BOARD - Dept. #176

5100 Personnel

Salary - Recording Secretary	\$	3,800.00	
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5200 Purchase of Services

Advertising	\$	150.00	
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5400 Supplies

Postage	\$	75.00	
Expenses	\$	375.00	

TOTAL - ZONING BOARD			\$ 4,400.00
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Q. POLICE DEPARTMENT - Dept. #210

5100 Personnel

Salary - Chief	\$	91,579.00	
Salary - Executive Assistant	\$	45,164.00	
Salary - Administrative Assistant	\$	37,051.00	
Salary - Lieutenants	\$	87,648.00	
Salaries - Officers	\$	1,860,650.00	
Salary - E911 Dispatchers	\$	74,000.00	
Salary - Animal Control Officer	\$	-	
Salary, Inspector of Animals	\$	-	
Longevity	\$	16,100.00	
Proficiency Incentive	\$	1,500.00	
Holiday Pay	\$	99,543.00	
Substitute Payroll	\$	190,242.00	
Salary - Custodian	\$	28,319.00	
Clothing Allowance	\$	37,700.00	
Educational Incentive	\$	296,682.00	
Crossing Guards	\$	-	

5200 Purchase of Services

Station Maintenance	\$	14,000.00	
Cruiser Maintenance/Fuel	\$	75,000.00	
Vehicle Expense - Animal Control Officer	\$	-	
Professional Medical Care - Animal Control Officer	\$	-	
Teletype	\$	3,500.00	
Radio & Repeaters	\$	4,700.00	

5400 Supplies

Sundries - Police	\$	88,000.00	
Sundries - Animal Control Officer	\$	-	

5700 Other Charges and Expenses

Police Other Charges/Expenses	\$	3,800.00	
TOTAL - POLICE DEPARTMENT			\$ 3,055,178.00

R. FIRE DEPARTMENT - Dept. #220

5100 Personnel

Salary - Chief	\$	83,065.00	
Salary - Deputy Chief	\$	78,652.00	
Salary - Captain	\$	76,248.00	
Salaries - Lieutenants	\$	243,614.00	
Salary - Permanent Men	\$	1,331,049.00	
Salary - Executive Assistant	\$	44,991.00	
Overtime Payroll	\$	40,000.00	
Salary - Call Firefighter	\$	2,500.00	
Payroll - Call Men	\$	6,779.00	

	Longevity Payroll	\$	21,000.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	500.00		
	Holiday Pay	\$	103,350.00		
	Substitute Payroll	\$	219,904.00		
	Clothing Allowance	\$	37,500.00		
	Call Men - Clothing	\$	500.00		
	Training Payroll	\$	62,305.00		
	College Credits	\$	48,000.00		
	EMT Incentive	\$	4,200.00		
	Call - EMT	\$	500.00		
	Payroll - Defibrillator	\$	750.00		
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Telephone	\$	8,400.00		
	Equipment - Maintenance & Repair	\$	53,700.00		
	Gas & Diesel	\$	14,000.00		
	5400 Supplies				
	Building Maintenance & Supplies	\$	12,300.00		
	Office Supplies & Advertising	\$	4,500.00		
	Educational Materials	\$	7,100.00		
	Ambulance Supplies	\$	18,800.00		
	Heating Oil	\$	10,000.00		
	5700 Other Charges and Expenses				
	Fire Other	\$	1,200.00		
	TOTAL - FIRE DEPARTMENT			\$	2,535,407.00
S.	BUILDING DEPARTMENT - Dept. #241				
	5100 Personnel				
	Salary - Inspector	\$	55,092.00		
	Salary - Administrative Assistant	\$	37,052.00		
	Administrative Assistant Longevity	\$	600.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	500.00		
	Vacation Coverage	\$	798.00		
	Education - Bldg. Inspector	\$	500.00		
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Seminars	\$	155.00		
	5400 Supplies				
	Sundries	\$	857.00		
	5700 Other Charges and Expenses				
	Auto Allowance	\$	1,529.00		
	Dues & Meetings	\$	165.00		
	TOTAL - BUILDING DEPT.			\$	97,248.00
T.	GAS INSPECTOR - Dept. 242				
	5100 Personnel				
	Salary - Inspector	\$	5,215.00		
	5700 Other Charges and Expenses				
	Auto Allowance	\$	480.00		
	TOTAL - GAS INSPECTOR			\$	5,695.00
U.	PLUMBING INSPECTOR - #243				
	5100 Personnel				
	Salary - Inspector	\$	8,562.15		
	5700 Other Charges and Expenses				
	Auto Allowance	\$	395.85		
	TOTAL - PLUMBING INSPECTOR			\$	8,958.00
V.	WEIGHTS/MEASURES - Dept. #244				
	5100 Personnel				

	Salary - Inspector	\$	4,208.00	
5400	Supplies			
	Sundries	\$	300.00	
5700	Other Charges and Expenses			
	Auto Allowance	\$	150.00	
	TOTAL - WEIGHTS/MEASURES			\$ 4,658.00
W.	WIRING INSPECTOR - Dept. #245			
	Personnel			
5100	Salaries - Inspectors (2)	\$	22,183.00	
	On Call Coverage		\$3,000.00	
	Other Charges and Expenses			
5700	Auto Allowance	\$	677.00	
	Bi-Annual Certification	\$	400.00	
	TOTAL - WIRING INSPECTOR			\$ 26,260.00
X.	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Dept. #291			
5100	Personnel			
	Clerical	\$	350.00	
5200	Purchase of Services			
	Uniforms	\$	3,000.00	
	Radio Repairs	\$	800.00	
5400	Supplies			
	Sundries	\$	300.00	
	Gas	\$	2,400.00	
	Equipment	\$	4,050.00	
	Vehicle Maintenance	\$	2,000.00	
	Generator Maintenance	\$	800.00	
	Training Expenses	\$	3,000.00	
	TOTAL - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			\$ 16,700.00
Y.	TREE DEPARTMENT - Dept. #294			
5100	Personnel			
	Labor	\$	45,946.00	
	Uniforms	\$	900.00	
5200	Purchase of Services			
	Vehicle Maintenance	\$	4,500.00	
	Hired Equipment	\$	1,933.00	
5400	Supplies			
	Supplies/Clothing/Equipment	\$	5,000.00	
5700	Other Charges and Expenses			
	Tree Replacement	\$	-	
	TOTAL - TREE DEPARTMENT			\$ 58,279.00
Z.	WASTE COLLECTION/DISPOSAL - Dept. #433			
5100	Personnel			
	Salary - Landfill Attendant	\$	35,426.00	
	Salary - P/T Landfill Attendant	\$	17,297.00	
	Longevity	\$	1,000.00	
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	750.00	
5200	Purchase of Services			
	Data Processing	\$	10,000.00	
	South Shore Recycling	\$	4,500.00	
5700	Other Charges and Expenses			
	Landfill Maintenance	\$	7,000.00	
	Refuse Collection	\$	614,272.00	
	Disposal Fee (SEMASS)	\$	516,000.00	
	Bulky Rubbish Pick-Up	\$	30,000.00	

	Hazardous Waste Collection	\$	5,000.00		
	TOTAL - WASTE COLLECTION/DISPOSAL			\$	1,220,245.00
	21,000.00 from BOH revolving			\$	21,000.00
AA.	SEWER DEPARTMENT - Dept. #449				
	5100 Personnel				
	Superintendent	\$	70,406.00		
	Salary - Administrative Assistant	\$	33,716.00		
	Vacation Coverage	\$	1,500.00		
	Insurance/Benefits	\$	12,000.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	500.00		
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Computer Services	\$	17,000.00		
	Sewer Emergency Fund	\$	15,000.00		
	Contract Operations Exp.	\$	1,521,851.00		
	Flow/Loads Adjustment				
	Industrial Pre-treatment	\$	20,000.00		
	Sewer Drainage	\$	30,000.00		
	Legal Services	\$	5,000.00		
	Copper Study	\$	20,000.00		
	5400 Supplies				
	Sundries	\$	20,000.00		
	Repairs & Maintenance	\$	125,000.00		
	5600 Internal Service Charges	\$	36,600.96		
	5700 Other Charges and Expenses				
	Auto Allowance	\$	675.00		
	Debt & Interest Payments	\$	125,000.00		
	Temporary Interest	\$	-		
	Facility/Vehicle Insurance	\$	40,000.00		
	TOTAL - SEWER DEPARTMENT			\$	2,094,248.96
BB.	BOARD OF HEALTH - Dept. #510				
	5100 Personnel				
	Salary - Health Agent	\$	57,288.60		
	Salary - Administrative Assistant	\$	37,051.56		
	Salary - Secretary/Clerical	\$	12,036.00		
	Longevity		\$600.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	700.00		
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Health & Hospitals	\$	1,300.00		
	5400 Supplies				
	Sundries - Health Agent and Training	\$	500.00		
	Office Supplies	\$	700.00		
	5700 Other Charges and Expenses				
	Commissioners' Auto Allowance	\$	600.00		
	Auto Allowance - Health Agent	\$	2,400.00		
	Legal Services	\$	-		
	TOTAL - BOARD OF HEALTH			\$	103,742.14
	\$9434.02 from BOH Revolving Account			\$	9,434.02
CC.	VISITING NURSE - Dept. #522				
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Visiting Nurse Association	\$	8,240.00		
	TOTAL - VISITING NURSE			\$	8,240.00
DD.	TRAFFIC CONTROL - Dept. #293				
	5200 Purchase of Services				

	Traffic Lighting	\$	26,325.00		
	TOTAL - TRAFFIC CONTROL			\$	26,325.00
EE.	HIGHWAY - Dept. #421				
	5100 Personnel				
	Salary - Superintendent	\$	60,000.00		
	Labor	\$	248,803.00		
	Administrative Assistant	\$	37,051.00		
	Longevity	\$	2,200.00		
	Uniforms	\$	5,400.00		
	Highway Police Details	\$	5,000.00		
	Highway Police Calls	\$	4,500.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	500.00		
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Utilities	\$	9,000.00		
	Machine Maintenance	\$	13,000.00		
	Materials & Hired Equipment	\$	120,000.00		
	Radio Repair	\$	1,500.00		
	Street Striping	\$	15,000.00		
	5400 Supplies				
	Building Maintenance	\$	1,100.00		
	Gas/Oil/Diesel, Etc.	\$	23,000.00		
	Misc. Tools & Supplies	\$	4,000.00		
	5700 Other Charges and Expenses				
	Auto Allowance	\$	-		
	Dues & Meetings	\$	100.00		
	TOTAL - HIGHWAY			\$	550,154.00
FF.	SNOW/ICE CONTROL - Dept. #423				
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Snow Removal	\$	150,000.00		
	TOTAL - SNOW/ICE CONTROL			\$	150,000.00
GG.	STREET LIGHTING - Dept. #424				
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Street Lighting	\$	89,212.00		
	TOTAL - STREET LIGHTING			\$	89,212.00
HH.	VETERAN'S SERVICES - Dept. #543				
	5100 Personnel				
	Salary - Agent	\$	42,806.00		
	Longevity	\$	-		
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Postage	\$	325.00		
	5400 Supplies				
	Sundries	\$	150.00		
	5700 Other Charges and Expenses				
	Auto Allowance	\$	400.00		
	Veteran Benefits	\$	137,000.00		
	Dues/Meetings	\$	625.00		
	TOTAL - VETERAN'S SERVICES			\$	181,306.00
II.	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - Dept. #390				
	TOTAL - SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$	18,983,086.00	\$	18,983,086.00
JJ.	REGIONAL SCHOOLS				
	South Shore Regional	\$	1,467,848.00		
	Norfolk County Agricultural High School	\$	103,385.00		

	Norfolk County Agr. H.S. Transportation	\$	6,500.00		
	TOTAL - REGIONAL SCHOOLS			\$	1,577,733.00
KK.	LIBRARY - Dept. #610				
	5100 Personnel				
	Salary - Director	\$	61,067.00		
	Salaries - Staff	\$	221,333.00		
	Longevity	\$	900.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	2,200.00		
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Operating Expenses	\$	65,000.00		
	5400 Supplies				
	Books & Related Materials	\$	2,500.00		
	Library Supplies				
	TOTAL - LIBRARY			\$	353,000.00
LL.	MISCELLANEOUS & UNCLASSIFIED - Dept. #430				
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Audit	\$	32,000.00		
	TOTAL - MISCELLANEOUS & UNCLASSIFIED			\$	32,000.00
MM.	COUNCIL ON AGING - Dept. #541				
	5100 Personnel				
	Salary - Director	\$	42,970.00		
	Salary - Van Driver	\$	-		
	COA Aide	\$	-		
	Vacation Coverage	\$	-		
	Longevity	\$	-		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	-		
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	COA - Van/Maintenance	\$	-		
	5400 Supplies				
	Sundries	\$	2,000.00		
	Supplies	\$	1,600.00		
	TOTAL - COUNCIL ON AGING			\$	46,570.00
NN.	YOUTH COMMISSION - Dept. #542				
	5100 Personnel				
	Salary - Director	\$	42,970.00		
	Salaries - Park Staff	\$	22,122.00		
	Longevity	\$	600.00		
	Administrative Assistant	\$	5,000.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	500.00		
	5200 Purchase of Services				
	Telephone	\$	700.00		
	Maintenance - Hartsuff Park	\$	3,526.00		
	5400 Supplies				
	Park - Sundries	\$	3,500.00		
	Office Supplies & Postage	\$	1,500.00		
	TOTAL - YOUTH COMMISSION			\$	40,000.00
	<i>YC Revolving Acct \$40,418.00</i>				\$ 40,418.00
OO.	PARK DEPARTMENT - Dept. #630				
	5100 Personnel				
	Salary - Park Superintendent	\$	55,124.00		
		\$	55,124.00		
	Salaries & Labor	\$	91,687.00		
	Longevity	\$	1,800.00		

	Uniforms	\$	2,700.00	
5200	Purchase of Services			
	Sundries	\$	7,500.00	
5400	Supplies			
	General Maintenance	\$	30,348.00	
5700	Other Charges and Expenses			
	TOTAL - PARK DEPARTMENT	\$		244,283.00
PP.	CELEBRATIONS - Dept. #692			
5100	Personnel			
	Secretary - Memorial Day	\$	150.00	
	Secretary - Tri-Town Parade	\$	-	
5700	Other Charges and Expenses			
	Memorial Day Observance	\$	2,800.00	
	Tri-Town Parade Celebration	\$	-	
	TOTAL - CELEBRATIONS	\$		2,950.00
QQ.	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION - Dept. #911			
5100	Personnel			
	Contributory Retirement	\$	2,292,552.00	
	Pensions	\$	5,400.00	
	TOTAL - RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$		2,297,952.00
RR.	HEALTH INSURANCE - Dept. #914			
5100	Personnel			
	Group Insurance (Town Share)	\$	5,331,246.00	
	TOTAL - HEALTH INSURANCE	\$		5,331,246.00
SS.	FICA EXPENSE - Dept. #916			
5100	Personnel			
	Fica Expense	\$	280,680.00	
	TOTAL - FICA EXPENSE	\$		280,680.00
TT.	LIABILITY INSURANCE - Dept. #945			
5100	Personnel			
	Town Insurance	\$	500,000.00	
	Unemployment Insurance	\$	60,000.00	
	TOTAL - LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$		560,000.00
UU.	WATER DEPARTMENT - Dept. #480			
5100	Personnel			
	Police Details	\$	15,000.00	
	Water - Insurance & Retirement		\$35,000.00	
5200	Purchase of Services			
	Engineering	\$	9,715.61	
	Collection Office	\$	9,832.98	
	Field Support & Overhead	\$	15,000.00	
5400	Supplies			
	Office Supplies & Overhead	\$	20,000.00	
	Systems Maint/Development	\$	90,000.00	
	Building Maintenance	\$	15,000.00	
5600	Intergovernmental			
	Joint Expenses (1/2)	\$	1,532,628.71	
	Interl Service Charges	\$	62,446.04	
5700	Other Charges and Expense			
	Freight & Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	500.00	
5900	Debt Service			
	Bond			

	Debt & Interest	\$	505,171.03			
	TOTAL - WATER DEPARTMENT			\$	2,310,294.37	
	TO BE TAKEN FROM ESTIMATED WATER RECEIPTS					
	TO BE COLLECTED					
VV.	INT. & MAT. DEBT. - #710					
	5900 Debt Service					
	Debt	\$	205,000.00			
	Interest	\$	101,068.75			
	TOTAL - INT. & MAT. DEBT			\$	306,068.75	
WW.	TEEN CENTER - Dept. #144					
	5400 Supplies					
	Sundries	\$	-			
	Sub-total	\$	-			
	TOTAL - TEEN CENTER					
		\$	43,779,910.56	\$	43,708,558.54	\$ 71,352.02

ARTICLE 2

The Town voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers in the Town in the amounts indicated in the Department Budgets and made such salaries and compensation effective July 1, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41 Section 108, as amended, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money for the ensuing year and that all sums be appropriated for the specific purpose designated; and that the same be expended on for such boards and commissions of the Town as voted.

ARTICLE 3

The Town voted to raise an appropriate and or take from available funds as indicated, such sums of money necessary for the ensuing year as detailed in the following Department budgets.

ARTICLE 4

The Town unanimously voted to allow the Board of Selectmen to grant an easement to National Grid that would allow National Grid to construct, reconstruct, repair, replace, maintain, and operate overhead and underground utility systems on the parcel shown as Lot 6 Map 52 of the Town of Rockland Assessors Maps, located at the site of the Jefferson School off Market Street.

ARTICLE 5

The Town voted that the Town of Rockland charge for each written demand issued by the Town Collector a fee of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15.

ARTICLE 6

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars (\$13,904.00) to replace the fencing around the Veterans Memorial Stadium.

ARTICLE 7

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$38,020.00) to purchase a 1 ton dump truck.

ARTICLE 8

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$12,480.00) to purchase a topdresser for our fields.

ARTICLE 9

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for building maintenance at the McKinley Community Center Building to help with the rising cost to maintain the building. At this time the building does not receive any money from the Town.

ARTICLE 10

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to replace and/or repair the elevator at the Rockland Council on Aging, or take any other action relative thereto?

The Moderator ruled this article out of order at this time as it should have been submitted to the Capital Planning Committee for approval.

ARTICLE 11

The Town voted 184 in favor, 250 opposed not to direct the Board of Selectmen to seek state and federal funding to support transportation and infrastructure improvements between Union Street and the commercial and residential redevelopment at the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted not to reconsider Article 11.

ARTICLE 12

The Town unanimously voted to amend the current zoning district of the Town of Rockland by removing references to the R-2 zone as shown on the current Town Zoning Map for the parcel shown as Lot 73 on the Town Assessor's Map 51 and replacing the same with the reference of B-2.

Purpose: The purpose of said zoning change is to extend the B-2 zoning to include the above referenced Map and Lot (aka 7 Market Street). Property is currently split zoned R-2 & B-2.

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 13

The Town voted to pass over adopting the following General Town Bylaw for Non-Criminal disposition of the Town's General Bylaws or Zoning Bylaws:

FINES

Section 1 Non-Criminal Disposition. – Pursuant to the civil infraction procedures set forth in Chapter 40, Sec. 21D of the General Laws, the non-criminal disposition of the following violations is hereby authorized:

Any violation of any town general or zoning bylaw

Section 2 Schedule of Civil Assessments – The civil assessment for any violation shall be the amount(s) set forth in the law, bylaw, order or regulation being enforced, or, if no amount is set forth, the assessment shall be \$300.00.

Section 3 Governing Law – This bylaw is intended to comply fully with the provisions of Sections 21D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and to authorize the non-criminal disposition of the infraction set forth above pursuant to the civil infraction procedure set forth therein, the provisions of which shall be controlling in all instances in any case in which the enforcement officer elects to proceed with the non-criminal disposition of an alleged violation of any bylaw.

Section 4 Enforcement – In addition to police officers, who shall in all cases be considered enforcing persons for the purpose of this provision, the municipal personnel charged with enforcing a particular bylaw or regulation, if any, shall also be enforcing persons for such bylaw or regulation. Each day during which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

ARTICLE 14

The Town voted 130 in favor, 143 against, not to grant an increase allowance to all former employees retired under Chapter 32, Section 90C of the General Laws on account of superannuation who served the Town for a period of not less than twenty-five years, equal to one-half of the rate of regular compensation payable to employees of the Town holding similar positions as of this date.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted not to reconsider Article 14.

ARTICLE 15

The Town voted to authorize all but the Police Department Red Light Violations for Cruiser Maintenance revolving funds for Fiscal 2009, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53 E as amended for the following purposes:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Receipt Type</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>Spending Limit</u>
Community Center	Building Usage Fees	Building Operations	\$175,000.00
School Committee	Transportation Fees	Student Transportation	100,000.00
Board of Health	Recycling Fees	Recycle Center Operation	75,000.00
Youth Commission	Program Fees	Youth Activities	160,000.00
Fire Department	Permit Fees	Townwide Alarm System	50,000.00
Police Department	Red Light Violations	Cruiser Maintenance	75,000.00
Rent Control Board	Rent Control Fees	Legal Fees	15,000.00
Town Clerk	Passport Photo Fees	Passport Related Costs	5,000.00
Police Dept	Cruiser Details Fees	Cruiser Maintenance	50,000.00

ARTICLE 16

The Town voted to accept money distributed in accordance with the apportionment of FY09, Local Transportation Aid, the annual State Highway Funds commonly known as Chapter 90.

ARTICLE 17

The Town voted to amend this article to add “that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Rockland” and the Town voted not to amend as amended (171 in favor, 107 opposed 2/3 being 184) Section V of the Rockland Zoning By-Laws.

After Article 19 a motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted 177 for to 47 opposed, 2/3 being 148 to reconsider Article 17.

The Town unanimously voted to amend as amended Section V of the Rockland Zoning By-Laws to add the following:

O. Wind Energy Facilities

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this section is to provide by Special Permit for the construction and operation of wind energy facilities and to provide standards for the placement, design, construction, monitoring, modification and removal of wind energy facilities that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources of the town and provide adequate financial assurance for removal of unused facilities.

1.1 Applicability

This section applies to all wind energy facilities proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this section. Any physical modification to existing wind energy facilities that materially alters the type or increases the size of such facilities or other equipment shall require a special permit.

2.0 Definitions

Height: The height of a wind turbine measured from natural grade to the tip of the rotor blade at its highest point, or blade-tip height.

Large Wind Energy Facility: A wind energy facility with a rated nameplate capacity of 60Kw or greater.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production equipment. This output is typically specified by the manufacturer with a “nameplate” on the equipment.

Small Wind Energy Facility: A wind energy facility with a rated nameplate capacity of less than 60Kw.

Special Permit Granting Authority: The Special Permit granting authority shall be the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Substantial Evidence: Such evidence as a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support a conclusion.

Wind Energy Facility: All equipment, machinery and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of wind to electricity. This includes, but is not limited to, transmission, storage, collection and supply equipment, substations, transformers, service and access roads, and one or more wind turbines.

Wind Monitoring or Meteorological (“MET”) Tower: A temporary tower equipped with devices to measure wind speeds and direction, used to determine how much wind power a site can be expected to generate.

Wind turbine: A device that converts kinetic wind energy into rotational energy that drives an electrical generator. A wind turbine typically consists of a tower, nacelle body, and a rotor with two or more blades.

3.0 General Requirements

3.1 Special Permits for Wind Energy Facilities

- (a) No wind energy facility shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The construction of a Large Wind Energy Facility shall be permitted in the R-1, I-2, I-3, and I-4 zoning districts subject to the issuance of a Special Permit and provided that the use complies with all requirements set forth in sections 3, 4, 5 and 6. The construction of a Small Wind Energy Facility shall be permitted in any zoning district subject to the issuance of a Special Permit and provided that the use complies with all requirements set forth in sections 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- b. All wind energy facilities shall be constructed and operated in a manner that minimizes any adverse visual, safety, and environmental impacts. No Special Permit shall be granted unless the Zoning Board of Appeals finds in writing that:
 - (i) The specific site is an appropriate location for such use;
 - (ii) The use is not expected to adversely affect the neighborhood;
 - (iii) There is not expected to be any serious hazard to pedestrians or vehicles from the use;
 - (iv) No nuisance is expected to be created by the use; and,
 - (v) Adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the use.

Such Special Permits may also impose reasonable conditions, safeguards and limitations on time and use and may require the applicant to implement all reasonable measures to mitigate unforeseen adverse impacts of the wind facility, should they occur.

- c. Wind monitoring or meteorological towers shall be permitted for no more than eighteen (18) months in any zoning district, subject to the issuance of a building permit. MET towers shall be set back a distance equal to two (2) times the height of the tower from the nearest property line. MET towers shall be fenced in order to prevent unauthorized access. The Zoning Board of Appeals may reduce the setback requirement by Special Permit, based on site-specific considerations.

3.2 Compliance with Laws, By-laws, and Regulations

The construction and operation of all such proposed wind energy facilities shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, environmental, electrical, communications and aviation requirements.

3.3 Proof of Liability Insurance

The applicant shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance in an amount and for a duration sufficient to cover loss or damage to persons and structures occasioned by the failure of the facility.

3.4 Site Control

At the time of its application for a Special Permit, the applicant shall submit documentation of actual or prospective control of the project site sufficient to allow for installation and use of the proposed facility. Documentation shall also include proof of control over setback areas and access roads. Control shall include the legal authority to prevent the use or construction of any structure for human habitation within the setback areas.

4.0 General Siting Standards

4.1 Height

Wind energy facilities shall be no higher than three hundred fifty (350) feet above the preconstruction grade of the land, provided that wind energy facilities may exceed three hundred fifty (350) feet in height if all of the following criteria are met:

- (a) The applicant demonstrates by substantial evidence that such height reflects industry standards for a similarly sited wind energy facility;
- (b) Such excess height is necessary to ensure technical and economic feasibility of the wind energy facility; and,
- (c) The facility satisfies all other criteria for the granting of a Special Permit under the provisions of this section.

4.2 Setbacks

Large Wind Energy Facilities shall be set back a distance equal to two (2) times the overall blade tip height of the wind turbine from the nearest property line. Small Wind Energy Facilities shall be set back a distance equal to the overall blade tip height of the wind turbine from the nearest property line. The Zoning Board of Appeals may reduce the minimum setback distance as appropriate based on site-specific considerations, if the project satisfies all other criteria for the granting of a Special Permit under the provisions of this section.

4.3 Parking

There shall be a minimum of one parking space per tower, to be used in connection with the maintenance of the facility and the site, and not to be used for the permanent storage of vehicles. The parking space shall measure nine (9) by twenty (20) feet.

5.0 Design Standards

5.1 Color and Finish

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have discretion over the turbine color. A neutral, non-reflective exterior color designed to blend with the surrounding environment is encouraged.

5.2 Lighting

Wind turbines shall be lighted only if required by the Federal Aviation Administration. Lighting of other parts of the wind energy facility, such as accessory structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties.

5.3 Signage

Signs on the wind energy facility shall comply with the requirements of the town's sign regulations, and shall be limited to:

- (a) Signs necessary to identify the owner, provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number, and warn of any danger. Such signs shall be installed on the fence that surrounds the base of the wind energy facility.
- (b) Educational signs providing information about the facility and the benefits of renewable energy.

There shall be no signage on the wind turbine. Wind turbines shall not be used for displaying of any advertising.

5.4 Utility Connections

To the extent technically feasible, and subject to any requirements of the utility provider, all utility connections from the wind energy facility shall be located underground.. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider and shall meet all local and state codes.

5.5 Accessory Structures

All accessory structures to such wind energy facilities, including but not limited to equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other and shall be contained within the turbine tower whenever technically and economically feasible. Structures shall only be used for housing of equipment for this particular site. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation and/or located in an underground vault and joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

5.6 Support Towers

Wind energy facilities shall use a monopole tower for support.

6.0 Safety, Aesthetic and Environmental Standards

6.1 Emergency Response

The applicant shall provide a copy of the project summary and site plan to the Rockland Police and Fire Departments. Upon request the applicant shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. The applicant or facility owner shall maintain a phone number and identify a responsible person for the public to contact with inquiries and complaints throughout the life of the project.

6.2 Unauthorized Access

Wind turbines and other structures that are part of a wind energy facility shall be designed as to prevent unauthorized access.

6.3 Shadow/Flicker

Wind energy facilities shall be sited in a manner that minimizes shadowing or flicker impacts. The applicant has the burden of proving that this effect does not have significant adverse impact on neighboring or adjacent uses through either siting or mitigation.

6.4 Noise

The wind energy facility and associated equipment shall conform to the provisions of the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Air Quality Noise Regulations (310 CMR 7.10). A source of sound will be considered to be violating these regulations if the source:

- (a) Increases the broadband sound level by more than 10 Db(A) above ambient, or
- (b) Produces a "pure tone" condition – when an octave band center frequency sound pressure level exceeds the two (2) adjacent center frequency sound pressure levels by three (3) decibels or more.

These criteria are to be measured at all property lines. Ambient is defined as the background A-weighted sound level that is exceeded ninety (90) percent of the time measured during equipment operation. An analysis prepared by a qualified engineer shall be presented to demonstrate compliance with these noise standards.

6.5 Land Clearing

Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to that which is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the wind energy facility.

7.0 Monitoring and Maintenance

The applicant shall maintain the wind energy facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the Rockland Fire and Police Departments. The project owner shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the wind energy facility and any access road, unless accepted as a public way, and the cost of repairing any damage occurring as a result of operation and construction. The Zoning Enforcement Officer may require annual certification by a Professional Registered Engineer of the facility's structural integrity and maintenance record.

8.0 Removal of Wind Energy Facilities

8.1 Removal Requirements

The owner of a wind energy facility shall inform the Zoning Enforcement Officer annually, in writing, whether the facility remains in use. Any wind energy facility which has not been used for one (1) year or more shall be dismantled and removed in its entirety (including accessory facilities and structures) at the owner's expense. Removal shall consist of:

- (a) Physical removal of all wind turbines, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site;
- (b) Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local and state waste disposal regulations; and,
- (c) Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Zoning Enforcement Officer may allow the owner to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

8.2 Financial Security

The owner of a wind energy facility shall file and maintain in effect a bond (or other security satisfactory to the Town), ensuring that sufficient funds will be available to remove the facility in the event of non-use, as provided herein. Said bond shall be from a company authorized to do business in Massachusetts and shall be subject to the approval of the Town. The bond shall be a condition of the Special Permit and shall be filed prior to the issuance of the building permit. Such security will not be required for municipally or state-owned facilities. The applicant shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for Cost of Living Adjustment.

9.0 Term of Special Permit

A Special Permit issued for a wind energy facility shall be valid for twenty five (25) years, unless extended or renewed. The time period may be extended or the permit renewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals upon satisfactory operation of the facility. Request for renewal must be submitted at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to expiration of the Special Permit. Submitting a renewal request shall allow for continued operation of the facility until the Zoning Board of Appeals acts. At the end of that period (including extensions and renewals), the wind energy facility shall be removed as required by this section.

10.0 Application Process & Requirements

10.1 General

The applicant shall provide the Zoning Board of Appeals with fifteen (15) copies of the application. All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts. Included in the application shall be:

- (a) Name, address, phone number and signature of the applicant, as well as all co-applicants or property owners, if any;
- (b) The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the applicant;
- (c) Documentation of the legal right to use the wind facility site, including the requirements set forth in 3.4 of this section.
- (d) Twelve (12) consecutive months of data from the MET tower that is located at the proposed site.

10.2 Siting and Design

The applicant shall provide the Zoning Board of Appeals with a description of the property which shall include:

- (a) A copy of a portion of the most recent USGS Quadrangle Map, at a scale of 1:25,000, showing the proposed facility site, including turbine sites, and the area within at least two (2) miles from the facility. Zoning district designation for the subject parcel shall be included;
- (b) A locus plan of the proposed wind energy facility site at a scale of one (1) inch equals two hundred (200) feet, which shall show contour intervals of no more than ten (10) feet, property lines for the site parcel and adjacent parcels within three hundred (300) feet, and the exact location of the proposed facility;
- (c) A site plan of the proposed wind energy facility site at a scale of one (1) inch equals forty (40) feet, which shall show the following:
 - (i) Property lines for the site parcel and adjacent parcels within three hundred (300) feet;
 - (ii) Location and current usage of all existing buildings on the site parcel and all adjacent parcels within five hundred (500) feet, including distances from the wind energy facility to each building shown;
 - (iii) Location of all public and private roads on the site parcel and adjacent parcels within three hundred (300) feet, and proposed roads or driveways, either temporary or permanent;
 - (iv) Existing areas of tree cover, including average height of trees, on the site parcel and adjacent parcels within three hundred (300) feet;
 - (v) Proposed location and design of the wind energy facility, including all turbines, ground equipment, accessory structures, transmission infrastructure, access, fencing, and exterior lighting.

10.3 Technical Documentation

The applicant shall submit to the Zoning Board of Appeals the following technical documentation regarding the proposed wind energy facility:

- (a) Wind energy facility technical specifications, including manufacturer and model, rotor diameter, tower height/type, foundation type/dimensions;
- (b) Blueprints or drawings for the tower and the tower foundation, signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- (c) Electrical schematic.

10.4 Visualizations

The applicant shall arrange for a balloon or crane test at the proposed site to illustrate the overall height of the proposed facility within thirty (30) days of filing the application with the Town Clerk. The date, time, and location of such test shall be advertised and notice provided to abutters in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 11.

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall select between three (3) and six (6) sight lines with a view of the wind facility, including from the nearest building, for pre- and post-construction view representations. Sites for the view representations shall be selected from populated areas or

public ways within a two (2) mile radius of the wind facility. View representations shall have the following characteristics:

- (a) View representations shall be in color and shall include actual pre-construction photographs and accurate post-construction simulations of the height and breadth of the wind energy facility (e.g. superimpositions of the wind energy facility onto photographs of existing views);
- (b) All view representations will include existing and proposed buildings or tree coverage;
- (c) View representations shall include a description of the technical procedures followed in producing the visualization (distances, angles, lens, etc.).

10.5 Landscape Plan

A plan shall be submitted indicating all proposed changes to the landscape of the site, including temporary or permanent roads or driveways, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting other than FAA lights, screening vegetation or structures. Lighting shall be designed to minimize glare on abutting properties and, except as required by the FAA, be directed downward with full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

10.6 Operation & Maintenance Plan

The applicant shall submit a plan for maintenance of access roads and storm water controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the wind facility.

10.7 Compliance Documents

The applicant shall provide with the application:

- (a) A description of financial surety that satisfies 8.2 of this section;
- (b) Proof of liability insurance that satisfies 3.3 of this section;
- (c) Certification of height approval from the FAA;
- (d) A statement that satisfies 6.3 of this section, listing existing and maximum projected noise levels from the wind energy facility.

10.8 Independent Consultants

Upon submission of an application for a Special Permit, the Zoning Board of Appeals will be authorized to hire outside consultants, pursuant to section 53G of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The applicant is required to make an initial deposit of \$5,000.00 for peer review and shall pay all costs associated with such review including but not limited to engineering and legal review.

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 18

The Town voted to amend this article to add “that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Rockland” and the Town unanimously voted to amend as amended Section II “Definitions” of the Rockland Zoning By-Laws to add the following:

Wind Energy Facility

All equipment, machinery and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of wind to electricity. This includes, but is not limited to, transmission, storage, collection and supply equipment, substations, transformers, service and access roads, and one or more wind turbines.

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 19

The Town voted to amend this article to add “that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Rockland” and the Town voted 132 in favor, 55 opposed 2/3 being 124 to amend as amended Section IV “Permitted Uses” of the Rockland Zoning By-Laws to add:

“Wind Energy Facilities 60 Kw or more” to the list of “Uses Requiring Special Permit” to be the next consecutive number for each of the following districts: R-1, I-2, I-3, I-4.

At this time the quorum was questioned by Mr. Keven Pratt and after a count by the moderator there were 277 people in attendance and he would continue with the meeting.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted 177 for to 47 opposed, 2/3 being 148 to reconsider Article 17.

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 20

The Town voted to amend this article to add “that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Rockland” and the Town unanimously voted to amend as amended Section IV “Permitted Uses” of the Rockland Zoning By-Laws to add:

“Wind Energy Facilities less than 60 Kw” to the list of “Uses Requiring Special Permit” to be the next consecutive number for each zoning district.

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 21

The Town voted to amend this article to add “that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Rockland” and the Town unanimously voted to amend as amended Section V. A. 2. b. “Yard Regulations” “Side Yard of Corner Lot” of the Rockland Zoning By-Law by deleting the word and number “ten (10)” and replacing with the word and number “fifteen (15)”

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 22

The Town voted to amend this article to add “that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Rockland” and the Town unanimously voted to amend as amended Section IV “Permitted

Uses” Uses Requiring a Special Permit in the RSH – 1 Zone, Use #2 by adding the word “in accordance with Section V.N. of this By-law” after the word “age” and before the asterisk.

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 23

The Town voted to amend this article to add “that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Rockland” and the Town unanimously voted to amend as amended Section V.N.3.b “Planned Residential Development for Seniors” by deleting “five (5)” and replace with “ten (10)”

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 24

The Town voted to amend this article to add “that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Rockland” and the Town unanimously voted to amend as amended Section V.H.1.b. ”Planned Unit Developments” by deleting “twenty (20)” and replace with “ten (10)”

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 25

The Town voted to amend this article to add “that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Rockland” and the Town unanimously voted to amend as amended to delete Section V.B.7 “Minimum Required Upland” and replace with:

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8. Minimum Required Upland

Lots in any District must contain a minimum of 22,000 square feet of contiguous land that is not an area protected under M.G.L. Chapter 131 Section 40 (the Wetlands Protection Act), not including riverfront areas.

Retreat Lots must contain a minimum of 32,670 square feet of contiguous land that is not an area protected under M.G.L. Chapter 131 Section 40 (the Wetlands Protection Act), not including riverfront areas.

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 26

The Town voted to amend this article to add “that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Rockland” and the Town voted (88 for and 88 opposed) not to amend the following sections of the Zoning bylaw:

(a) Section IV, “Permitted Uses”, “I-1 Limited Industrial Zoning District”:

Under “Uses Requiring Special Permit,” Paragraph No. 12, ~~delete:~~

“Conversion and/or renovation pursuant to this section shall only be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board.”

- (b) Section VII, “Enforcement”, Section B: “Special Permits”:
In Section VII-B-6-I, (d), (f), (g), and (i), change **“Planning Board”** to **“Zoning Board of Appeals”**

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town unanimously voted not to reconsider article 26.

ARTICLE 27

The Town voted to amend this article to add “that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Rockland” and the Town voted not to amend Section VII. C “Zoning Variances” to the Rockland Zoning By-Law by adding the following provisions:

C. ZONING VARIANCES

1. The Board of Appeals shall have the power after public hearing to grant a variance from the dimensional regulations of the applicable zoning By-law, in conformance with the criteria established in Chapter 40A Section 10.
2. The Board of Appeals shall also have the power after public hearing to grant variances for uses not otherwise permitted or permissible in the Zoning district in which the land is located, in conformance with the criteria established in Chapter 40A Section 10, provided that the Zoning Board makes specific findings with respect to the following additional criteria:

That there is something unique about the land or structures in terms of historical significance, character of the neighborhood, existing uses on neighboring parcels; or that there is a need in the neighborhood, or the Town in general for the proposed use; and that the proposed use will be in harmony with existing uses in the neighborhood in general; and that the proposed use will meet the Performance Standards of Section VI of this By-law; and that the site is adequate for the proposed use in terms of size; impact on traffic flow and safety; methods of sewer disposal, source of water and drainage; utilities and other public services; and that the proposed use will not have an adverse impact on the ground and surface water quality or any other environmental or natural resource.

3. The Board may impose conditions, safeguards and limitations on time and/or use regarding any variances granted under any provision of Section V.C.
4. Applicants seeking a use variance must submit to the Zoning Board along with their application all plans and documents required for site plan approval pursuant to Section V.I. of this By-law.
5. If the rights authorized by a variance granted under this Section V.C. are not exercised within one (1) year of the date of grant of such variance, such rights shall lapse; provided, however, that if the grantee submits a written request to the Board of Appeals for an extension prior to the expiration of the one (1) year period, the Board of Appeals in its discretion may extend the time for exercise of such rights for a period not to exceed six (6) months. The Board shall consider the request at a regularly scheduled meeting.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted not to reconsider Article 27.

ARTICLE 28

The Town unanimously voted to authorize the School Committee to sell, by competitive bid process, the Lincoln School property, located on 1.67 acres of land on Church Street, Assessors Map 40, Lot 137-0-E, including all buildings situated thereon, with the proceeds of said sale being placed in the School Building Capital Trust Fund, pursuant to Chapter 113 of the Acts of 2008.

ARTICLE 29

The Town unanimously voted to amend the zoning map and ordinance to increase the industrial, I-2, zone by moving the existing zone line as described below under “DESCRIPTION OF LAND IN ROCKLAND PROPOSED TO BE RE-ZONED”, to the new location identified on the described “accompanying plan”, to allow for additional industrial development and parking.

Area to be rezoned is Lot 5 on the Rockland Assessor’s Map 10.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND IN ROCKLAND PROPOSED TO BE RE-ZONED

Beginning at a point in the Rockland/Norwell Town Line, said point being 128.+feet southeasterly from the southerly side of Longwater Drive, at the northeasterly corner of land of Thomas D. VanEtta, Trustee of the Pont Street Trust;

Thence running southeasterly in the said Town Line by land of the aforementioned Trustee, 267.+feet to a point;

Thence turning and running southwesterly in the line of land of the Trustee, 411.+feet to a point;

Thence turning and running northwesterly in the line of land of the Trustee, 269.+feet to a point in the line of land of Airxchange, Inc.;

Thence turning and running northeasterly in the line of land of Airxchange, Inc., 477.+feet to the point of beginning at the Rockland/Norwell Town Line, and containing 2.7+-acres, as shown on the accompanying plan entitled ‘COMPILED SITE PLAN FOR PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE’ PREPARED FOR Airxchange, 85 Longwater Drive, Rockland, Massachusetts by Wait Land Use Consultants, LTD and Atlantic Design Engineers, LLC and dated March 2, 2009.

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 30

The Town voted to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to take from the Sewer Department Unrestricted Fund Balance Account the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) for the installation of a new vertical step screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This article had the approval of the Capital Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 31

The Town voted to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to take from the Sewer Department Development Fund Account the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be expended by the Sewer Commission as part of the Town's ongoing program to identify and remove sources of inflow and infiltration as required under the terms of the NPDES Permit issued to the Town by the United States EPA and Massachusetts DEP.

This article had the approval of the Capital Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 32

The Town voted to Appropriate from the Sewer Relief Fund the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be expended by the Sewer Commission as part of the Town's ongoing program to identify and remove sources of inflow and infiltration as required under the terms of the NPDES Permit issued to the Town by the United States EPA and Massachusetts DEP.

ARTICLE 33

The Town voted to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to take from the Sewer Department Unrestricted Fund Balance Account the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) for the purchase of influent and effluent pumps as part of facility/pump replacement program.

This article had the approval of the Capital Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 34

The Town voted to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to take from the Sewer Department Unrestricted Fund Balance Account the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purchase of a 6 inch bypass pump to be used during high flow events.

ARTICLE 35

The Town voted to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to take from the Sewer Department Unrestricted Fund Balance Account the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for required tank maintenance at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This article had the approval of the Capital Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 36

The Town unanimously voted to appropriate Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) for the purpose of financing the replacement of water mains, including without limitation all cost incidental and related thereto and all costs therefore as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws: that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$750,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29c General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for

the project or for any financing thereof; and that the Board of Water Commissioners or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

This article had the approval of the Capital Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 37

The Town unanimously voted to appropriate Seventy Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) for the purpose of financing the replacement of water mains, including without limitation all costs incidental and related thereto and all costs therefore as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$750,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29c General Laws and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

This article had the approval of the Capital Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 38

The Town voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to provide and install meters.

This article had the approval of the Capital Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 39

The Town voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of continuing the annual leak detection survey.

ARTICLE 40

The Town voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of continuing the survey and testing in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations governing cross connections to our water system (310 CMR 22.22).

ARTICLE 41

As there was not a Water Commissioner present to talk on this article, the Town voted to pass over adopting the Water Restriction By-Law for the purpose of protecting the public health and welfare. Further, the Town voted not to reconsider Article 41.

WATER RESTRICTION BY-LAW

Section 1 Authority

This By-Law is adopted by the Town under its police powers to protect public health and welfare and its powers under M.G.L. c.40, ss21 et seq.

and implements the Town's authority to regulate water use pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, s41A, conditioned upon a declaration of a "Water Supply Emergency" issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 2 Purpose

The purpose of this By-Law is to protect and preserve the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force a State of Water Supply Conservation or a State of Water Supply Emergency, by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the Town or by the Department of Environmental Protection. This By-Law is also intended to protect and preserve the public health, safety and welfare, by restricting and prohibiting unauthorized water use and/or unregistered water use by water users.

Section 3 Definitions

"Persons" shall mean any individual, corporation, trust, partnership, association, or other entity which uses or is serviced by the Town's public water system.

"State of Water Supply Emergency" shall mean a State of Water Supply Emergency declared by the Department of Environmental Protection under M.G.L. c21G, s15-17.

"State of Water Conservation" shall mean a State of Water Conservation declared by the Town pursuant to section 4 of this By-Law.

"Unauthorized Water Use" shall mean all activations of water services, fire hydrant (excluding Fire Department personnel during Fire Emergencies), or other segments of the public water system by any person not authorized by the Water Department.

"Unregistered Water Use" shall mean any water utilized or taken from the public water system without a means of calculating actual consumption.

"Water Users" or "Water Consumers" shall mean any public or private users of the Town's public water system, irrespective of any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular residence or facility.

Section 4 Declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation

The Town through its Board of Water Commissioners may declare a State of Water Supply Conservation upon a determination by a majority vote of the Board, at a public meeting, that a shortage of water exists and conservation measures are appropriate to ensure an adequate supply and adequate water pressure to all water customers. Upon notification to the public that a State of Water Supply Conservation has been declared, no person shall violate any provisions, restrictions, or requirements intended to bring about an end to the State of Water Supply Conservation.

Section 5 Restricted Water Uses

A declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements limiting the use of water as necessary to protect the public water supply. The applicable restrictions, conditions or requirements shall be included in the public notice required under Section 7.

Step One – Odd/Even Day Outdoor Watering Restrictions

All outdoor water uses by water users with odd numbered addresses is restricted to odd numbered calendar days. All outdoor water uses by water users with even numbered addresses is restricted to even numbered calendar days.

Step Two – Hand Held Hoses Only

All outdoor water uses are restricted to hand held hoses only. The Odd/Even Day Outdoor Watering Restrictions shall also be observed.

Step Three – Outdoor Watering Hours

All outdoor water uses are restricted to hand held hoses only between the hours of 7:00a.m. and 8:00a.m. or between 8:00p.m. and 9:00p.m.. The Odd/Even Day Outdoor Watering Restrictions shall also be observed.

Step Four – Outdoor Watering Ban

All outdoor water use is prohibited for all uses.

Section 6 State of Water Supply Emergency: Compliance with DEP Orders

Upon notification to the public that a declaration of a State of Water Supply Emergency has been issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition of any order approved or issued by the Department intended to bring about an end to the State of Emergency.

Section 7 Public Notification of a State of Water Supply Conservation and/or Emergency

Notification of any provisions, restrictions, requirements or conditions imposed by the Town as part of a State of Water Supply Conservation, or by the Department of Environmental Protection as part of a State of Water Supply Emergency, shall be given by the publication of at least one display advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, by the posting of removable signs where any state highway crosses the town line, and by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all water users of the declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation and/or Emergency. Any restrictions imposed shall not be effective until such notification is provided. Notification of the declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall also be simultaneously provided to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in writing by the Board of Water Commissioners.

**Section 8 Termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation and/or
Emergency**

A State of Water Supply Conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Water Commissioners, at a public meeting, upon a determination that the water supply shortage no longer exists. A State of Water Supply Emergency shall be terminated by the Department of Environmental Protection upon a determination that the emergency no longer exists. Public notification of the termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation and/or Emergency shall be given by the publication of at least one display advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, by the removal of all erected Water Supply Conservation and/or Emergency signs, and by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all water users of the termination of the State of Water Supply Conservation and/or Emergency.

Section 9 Unauthorized Water Usage

No person, water user, or water consumer shall activate, or cause to be activated, any water main and/or appurtenances to the public water system without prior authorization of the Water Department.

Section 10 Unrestricted Water Usage

No person, water user, or water consumer shall activate, or cause to be activated, any water main and/or appurtenances to the public water system without first having a Water Department approved metering device installed to calculate the amount of water utilized. No person, water user, or water consumer shall remove and/or alter any metering device.

Section 11 Penalties

Any Person found to have violated Section 5 and/or Section 6 of this By-Law will receive a written warning for the first offense and shall be liable to the Town in the amount of \$100.00 for each subsequent offense within the same calendar year. Any person found to have violated Section 9 of this bylaw shall be liable to the Town in the amount of \$300.00 for each offense. Any person found to have violated Section 10 of this By-Law shall be liable to the Town in the amount of up to \$300.00 for each offense. All fines shall inure to the Town for such uses as the Board of Water Commissioners may direct. Fines shall be levied and assessed by employees of the Water Department and/or the authorized agents of the Board of Water Commissioners upon witnessing any violation, or after investigating and verifying that a violation in fact occurred. Violators shall be entitled to appeal the assessment of any fines with the Board of Water Commissioners, and said appeal shall be held at a public meeting of the Board. Fines shall be recovered by indictment, or on complaint before the District Court, or by non-criminal disposition in accordance with M.G.L. c.40 s21D. Each day on which a violation of Section 5 and/or Section 6 occurred shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 12 Severability

The invalidity of any portion or provision of this By-Law shall not invalidate any other portion or provision hereof.

ARTICLE 42

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds, the sum of Sixty Four Thousand Dollars (\$64,000.00) to purchase and equip (2) Police Cruisers.

ARTICLE 43

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Thirteen Dollars and Seventy Two Cents (\$10,013.72) to pay the final payment of a three year lease to purchase new portable radios for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 44

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds, the sum of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and Sixty Eight Cents (\$19,878.68) to upgrade the CCTV Security System at the Police Station.

REASON: The existing security system broke down during this past year. Repair was made and components were replaced to return the system to a functional state. These funds will provide a system that will allow expansion of CCTV systems that can include the fuel farm at the Highway Department and eventual connections with the Rockland School System.

ARTICLE 45

The Town voted to amend this by-law by striking out **criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to G.L. c.40 21. or by** and voted to adopt article 45 as amended.

PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL

No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. c. 94C, § 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in any place accessible to the public.

This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by ~~criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to G.L. c.40—§ 21.or by~~ noncriminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21D, by their duly authorized agents, or any police officer. The fine for violation of this by-law shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each offense. Any penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. c. 94C,§ 32L.

This article received the approval of the Attorney General November 19, 2009.

ARTICLE 46

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500.00) for the fourth year of a five year lease/purchase agreement for six voting machines.

ARTICLE 47

The Town voted to amend Section 2.02, Paragraph G, line K of the current Town Charter to read as follows, with the Finance Committee recommendation of striking out **At the discretion of the Board of Selectmen a member of the Finance Committee may be appointed to serve.**

Section 2.02 G, Line K

Seven (7) members of a Charter/By-law Study and Review Committee for seven (7) years, whose terms are to be staggered in such a manner that one member of the committee is up each year. **(At the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Finance Committee may be appointed to serve.)** The purpose of this committee will be to review and make recommendations for updates to the Town Charter and By-laws on an annual basis. Said proposals are to be presented at either Town Meeting or the Annual Town Election.

ARTICLE 48

The Town voted to Pass Over amending Section 6.04, Paragraph C, of the current Town Charter.

Section 6.04 C

No person shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee who holds any paid Town position by reason of election or appointment. However, a member or members of the Finance Committee may serve on special committees established by vote of Town Meeting if such vote requires that a member or members of the Finance Committee be named to said special committee. Any member of the Finance Committee who shall become a candidate for elected office in the Town shall ipso facto be disqualified from continuing to serve as a member of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 49 WITHDRAWN BY PETITIONER

Will the Town raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$430,000.00 (Four Hundred Thirty Dollars) in order to meet the statutory (MGL c. 78 §19A and §19B) and regulatory (605 CMR 4.00) requirements for the minimum standards of public library service, and to remain certified to receive State Aid to Public Libraries funding for FY 2010, or take any action relative thereto?

ARTICLE 50]

The Town voted not to pass over Article 50 and a motion was made and seconded and the Town voted 48 for and 88 opposed not to establish a Revolving Account in accordance with the provisions of MGL c 44, § 53E ½ not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in FY 2010 for the fines and fees collected at the Library Department and authorize the Library Trustees to expend from this account for the purchase of books and related materials.

ARTICLE 51

The Town voted to appropriate from taxation, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$249.58 to the stabilization fund.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 11:10 p.m.

A true record, attest:

Mary Pat Kaszanek
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND
SPECIAL ELECTION
MAY 30, 2009**

The Special Override Election was held in the Rockland High School Gymnasium, 52 MacKinlay Way for Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the R. Stewart Esten School, 733 Summer Street for Precincts 5 and 6 on Saturday May 30, 2009. A Warrant issued by the Selectmen May 4, 2009 was posted in each of the six precincts May 6, 2009 by Adam Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

Specimen ballots, Instructions to Voters, Abstracts of the Laws imposing penalties on voters and the Massachusetts Voters' Bill of Rights were posted as required by the Laws of the Commonwealth. Accu-Vote vote tabulators were used in each of the six precincts and there was an AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal in each polling location for the convenience of handicapped voters. The AutoMark has a touch screen, a Braille keypad, headphones, a puff-sip device, etc. to assist the handicapped voter in marking their ballot. I encourage any voter to use this machine to see how it works.

The polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. Election officials in each of the six precincts printed a zero tape to insure there were no votes on the tabulator and that each question was listed. The tape was posted in a conspicuous place in the precinct.

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. Total ballots cast were 4,186, 40% of the 10,499 registered voters. Absentee ballots included were 24 in precinct 1, 30 in precinct 2, 20 in precinct 3, 16 in precinct 4, 27 in precinct 5 and 12 in precinct 6.

Unofficial results were posted in the Rockland Town Offices at 8:20 p.m. Official results were declared as follows:

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to assess an additional \$1,800,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the **Town of Rockland Public Schools** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009?

Blanks	1	2	0	3	3	1	10
Yes	426	499	411	403	592	593	2924
No	230	306	123	176	236	183	1254
TOTAL	657	807	534	582	831	777	4188

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to assess an additional \$352,423.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the **Police Department** (\$140,000.00), **Fire Department** (\$78,000.00), **Highway Department** (\$42,000.00), **Board of Selectmen's Office** (\$7,874.00), **Board of Assessors** (\$28,929.00), **Town Collector** (\$2,500.00), **Town Clerk** (\$31,084.00), **Board of Health** (\$12,036.00), and **Veteran's Department** (\$10,000.00), for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009?

Blanks	3	4	2	2	5	1	17
Yes	368	437	356	351	507	526	2545
No	286	366	176	229	319	250	1626
TOTAL	657	807	534	582	831	777	4188

QUESTION 3

Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to assess an additional \$348,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the **Rockland Memorial Library** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009?

Blanks	5	6	1	2	7	2	23
Yes	384	487	392	397	559	566	2785
No	268	314	141	183	265	209	1380
TOTAL	657	807	534	582	831	777	4188

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to assess an additional \$268,969.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the **Park Department** (\$174,159.00), **Council on Aging** (\$46,570.00), the **Youth Commission** (\$40,000.00), and the Visiting Nurses (\$8,240.00) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009?

Blanks	2	1	1	3	1	2	10
Yes	412	507	405	414	566	579	2883
No	243	299	128	165	264	196	1295
TOTAL	657	807	534	582	831	777	4188

A True Record, Attest:

Mary Pat Kaszanek, CMMC
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

Quorum: 300

Attendance: 471

Registered Voters: 10,594

A quorum being present, the Special Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Paul L. Cusick, Jr. at 7:10 p.m.

He announced the return of the Warrant by Jerold Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

He asked that all stand and salute the flag and remain standing for a moment of silence for our deceased friends and employees of the Town James Roberts, Ralph J. Murphy, William W. Kelly, Ann L. May, Mary B. McSharry, Catherine Young, Mark Duquette, Edith Kersey and Eldridge Buffum.

He introduced the people on the stage with him, Assistant Town Clerk Randalin Ralston, Administrative Assistant Linda Salvati, Town Administrator Allan R. Chiocca and Town Counsel John J. Clifford. He then introduced Senator Michael Morrissey.

He announced that the meeting is being taped.

He then introduced “the hardest working committee in town” the Finance Committee, John Ellard, Paula Ferguson, Richard Penny, William Allen, Joseph P. Gambon, Robert B. MacDonald, Dolores Baronas, Ian Curran, Rachel Gear and Caryn Stevens.

He called upon the Chairman of the Finance Committee Mr. Ellard who made a motion, it was seconded, and the Town voted that the first action be on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr Ellard made a motion, it was seconded, and the Town voted that all articles be taken in order.

He called upon the tellers to come forward and be sworn in, Mr. Ward, Gerry Tempesta and Bob George.

ARTICLE 1

The Town voted to transfer the sum of Eighteen thousand dollars \$18,000 from Unemployment Insurance Account # 0191351-515070 to Town Meeting and Elections Personnel Account # 0116251-511019 in the amount of Fifteen thousand dollars \$15,000 and to Town Meeting and Elections Services Account # 0116253-539900 in the amount of Three thousand dollars \$3,000.

ARTICLE 2

The town voted to transfer Twenty-five thousand dollars \$25,000 from Parks Department Account #0165051-511001 to Assessor Appraiser Salary Account # 0114151-511001.

ARTICLE 3

The town voted to transfer from Parks Department Account #0165051-511001 to Landfill Monitoring Account # 0112251-529714 the sum of Thirty thousand dollars \$30,000 for the purposes of completing State ordered work in connection with the landfill.

ARTICLE 4

The Town voted to transfer the sum of Twelve thousand five hundred dollars \$12,500 from Parks Department Account #0165051-511001 to Accounting Clerical Salary Account # 0113551-511003 for the purposes of increasing clerical hours.

ARTICLE 5

The Town voted to transfer the sum of Ninety-five hundred dollars \$9,500 from Unemployment Encumbrance Account #0191357-578099 to Computer Services Account #0113553-530400 for the purposes of purchasing and installing new computer equipment and related software.

ARTICLE 6

The Town **unanimously voted** to amend Article 13 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting to read To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, which has custody and declared the property surplus, to transfer to the Selectmen, who will offer for sale **or lease** through sealed bid, the property located at the corner of VFW Drive and Pleasant Street, formerly used as the Town of Rockland sanitary landfill.

ARTICLE 7

The Town voted to approve the Tax Increment Financing Plan and Agreement for a major expansion of a manufacturing facility of Air Xchange Incorporated on a site located at 85 Longwater Drive, Rockland, Massachusetts, located on a parcel of land shown as Lot 15 on "Plan of Land off Longwater Drive, Rockland, March 20, 1974, Loring H. Jacobs and Associates, Inc." and recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 4169, Page 587. (Part of Assessors Map 5, Block 12, Lot 0-R as part of a Tax Increment Financing Zone which presents exceptional opportunities for increased economic development. Said Agreement shall be considered in return for the expansion of said business in the Town and a subsequent increase in the assessed value of the property based on improvements of said property by said business. Said Agreement will provide for an exemption of property taxes or a percentage thereof based on said growth increment in assessed valuation of the property according to the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 23A, §3E; Chapter 40, §59, and Chapter 59, §5, Clause 51; pursuant to the provisions of 751 CMR 11.04 (1)(b) and 402 CMR 2.18.

ARTICLE 8

The Town **unanimously voted** to appropriate the sum of Eighty six million, two hundred and one thousand, four hundred and forty-nine dollars (\$86,201,449) for the renovation of Rockland High School, 52 MacKinlay Way, Rockland Massachusetts, and the construction of a new John W. Rogers Middle School, 100 Taunton Avenue, which school facilities shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years,

said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, any project costs the Town incurs in excess of the grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of 64.26% of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the maximum grant amount of Fifty-three million, three hundred fifty-six thousand, six hundred and eighty-two dollars \$53,356,682 as determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said amount borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted not to reconsider Article 8.

ARTICLE 9

The Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 39: Section 23D of the Massachusetts General Laws:

Chapter 39: Section 23D. Adjudicatory hearings; attendance by municipal board, committee and commission members; voting disqualification

Section 23D (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon municipal acceptance of this section for 1 or more types of adjudicatory hearings, a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such vote, the member shall certify in writing that he has examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede applicable quorum requirements.

(b) By ordinance or by-law, a city or town may adopt minimum additional requirements for attendance at scheduled board, committee, and commission hearings under this section.

A motion was made, and seconded and the Town voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:53 p.m.

A true record, attest,

Randalin S. Ralston, Asst. Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
November 14, 2009**

The Special Town (Debt Exclusion) Election was held in the Rockland High School Gymnasium, 52 MacKinlay Way for Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4, and in the R. Stewart Esten School Gymnasium, 733 Summer Street for Precincts 5 and 6 on Saturday, November 14, 2009. A Warrant issued by the Selectmen October 8, 2009 was posted various places in each of the six precincts by Jerold Loomis, Constable of Rockland, on October 20th, 2009.

Specimen ballots, Instructions to Voters, Abstracts of the Laws imposing penalties on voters and the Massachusetts Voters' Bill of Rights were posted as required by the Laws of the Commonwealth. Accu-Vote tabulators were used in each of the six precincts and there was an AutoMark voter assist terminal in each polling location for the convenience of handicapped voters. The AutoMark has a touch screen, a braille keypad, headphones, a puff-sip device, etc. to assist the handicapped voter in marking their ballot. I encourage all voters to use this machine to see how it works.

The polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. after the election officials in each of the six precincts checked the ballot boxes to insure they were empty and printed a zero tape to show there were no votes on the vote tabulator.

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. Ballots cast were 3,035, 29% of the 10,586 registered voters. Absentee ballots included were 12 in precinct 1, 28 in precinct 2, 7 in precinct 3, 7 in precinct 4, 16 in precinct 5 and 13 in precinct 6.

Unofficial results were posted in the Rockland Town Offices at 8:15 p.m. Final results were declared as follows:

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to fund the design, engineering, permitting, equipping and construction of a new John W. Rogers Middle School and a renovated Rockland High School, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

	PREC. 1	PREC. 2	PREC. 3	PREC. 4	PREC. 5	PREC. 6	TOTAL
*Yes	304	360	284	284	395	465	2092
No	171	224	97	110	199	142	943
TOTAL	475	584	381	394	594	607	3035

A True Record, Attest:

Mary Pat Kaszanek, CMMC
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND
SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
DECEMBER 8, 2009**

The Special State Primary Election was held in the Rockland High School Gymnasium, 52 MacKinlayWay for precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the R. Stewart Esten School, 733 Summer Street for precincts 5 and 6 on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

A Warrant issued by the Selectmen November 16, 2009 was posted various places in each of the six precincts in the town of Rockland on November 24, 2009 by Adam Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

Specimen ballots, Massachusetts Voters' Bill of Rights, Instructions to Voters and Information on Federal and State Laws that Prohibit Fraud and Misrepresentation were posted as required by the the Laws of the Commonwealth.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. after the election officials examined the ballot boxes to show they were empty and printed a listing of the candidates to ensure there were no votes on the vote tabulator. Accu-Vote optical scan vote tabulators were used in each of the six precincts and there was an AutoMark voter assist terminal in each polling location for the convenience of handicapped voters.

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. Ballots cast were 2,126, 20% of the 10,620 registered voters. Absentee ballots included were 11 in precinct 1, 11 in precinct 2, 1 in precinct 3, 4 in precinct 4, 4 in precinct 5 and 4 in precinct 6.

Tapes with the unofficial results from the optical scanners in each of the six precincts were posted at the Rockland Town Offices at 8:15 p.m. Official results were declared as follows:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

	PREC.1	PREC.2	PREC.3	PREC.4	PREC.5	PREC.6	TOTAL
Party: DEMOCRAT							
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael E. Capuano	73	71	57	46	63	62	372
Martha Coakley	128	189	114	105	173	140	849
Alan A. Khazei	26	21	20	19	22	20	128
Stephen G. Pagliuca	48	45	27	34	63	30	247
Write-in	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Steve Lynch	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Scott Brown	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Peter Ellis	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	276	326	219	206	323	252	1602
Party: REPUBLICAN							
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott P. Brown	79	92	45	59	86	90	451
Jack E. Robinson	7	19	12	5	9	15	67
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martha Coakley	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
Mike Sullivan	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	86	112	57	65	95	107	522

Party: LIBERTARIAN

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martha Coakley	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Scott P. Brown	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	0	0	2	0	0	2

A true record, attest:

Mary Pat Kaszanek
Town Clerk

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2009**

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
January		
3	George E. Buhl	Whitman
5	John T. Hughes	Rockland
9	Edith L. Spaulding	Rockland
10	Emily M. McIver	Abington
11	Ellen M. Poirier	Rockland
22	Lois Afienko	Rockland
25	Ronald E. Braley, Sr.	Rockland
25	Isaac Kamau Ngure	Rockland
26	Victor M. Morad	Holbrook
26	John G. Rossiter, Jr.	Rockland
26	Karen L. Tagger	Rockland
31	Vicki L. Lucier	Rockland
February		
1	Joseph John Sloan, Sr.	Weymouth
4	Gertrude C. Brooks	E. Bridgewater
5	Paul G. McSweeney	Rockland
6	June E. McIntyre	Rockland
8	Jane F. McLaughlin	Rockland
8	Kar Woon Mui	Rockland
10	Joseph E. McMurrough	Rockland
14	Diane Lee Sweeney	Rockland
14	John E. Yanuskiewicz	Bridgewater
15	Paul R. Heider	Rockland
17	Jennie T. Strozzi	Rockland
20	Barbara B. Moir	Rockland
20	William T. Mosher Sr.	Carver
21	John J. Finn	Rockland
21	Eugene R. Zweigle	Quincy
23	Thomas Donald Borelli	Rockland
24	Teresa A. Milroy	Rockland
25	Ann E. Hayward	Rockland
26	Marie F. Ryan	Rockland
March		
9	Diane F. Tanzi	Rockland
11	Ann L. O'Brien	Rockland
12	Brant M. Thorvaldsen	Rockland
16	Frederick W. Darling	Rockland
16	Helen M. Nicholson	Rockland
17	Ellen F. Mortimer	Rockland
19	William C. Cormier	Rockland

23	Judith Ann Prescott	Rockland
24	Carl E. Mortenson, Jr.	Rockland
26	James R. Thetonia, Jr.	Rockland
27	John F. Corcoran	Rockland
28	Doris L. Niemi	Rockland
30	Mary A. Ellis	Rockland
April		
4	Robert Domenic Palma	Weymouth
7	Jennie M. Wiggin	Whitman
8	Jennie B. Larkin	Weymouth
9	Edwin F. Kelley	Rockland
12	Robert Emmett Donlan	Abington
17	Jean A. Stewart	Rockland
18	William H. Smith	Rockland
19	Roberta A. Finn	Rockland
19	Richard Rodgers	Halifax
21	Daniel O. DiRenzo, Jr	Rockland
25	Frank Chadbourne	Rockland
25	Sylvia Vaz	Duxbury
26	Erminie Dorothy Blackman	Rockland
27	June A. Greenlaw	Rockland
27	Elsie O. Sanukewicz	Rockland
29	Jamie M. McDonough	Rockland
May		
5	Joan F. DeVito	Rockland
8	Jane E. Berghold	Rockland
8	Jane H. Horn	Rockland
9	Ivy May Pearson	Rockland
12	Gloria C. Ruginski	Rockland
20	Joseph M. McDonald	Rockland
21	Dorothy M. Archibald	Rockland
21	Edward P. Lewis	Rockland
22	Marcia Ann Duncan	E. Bridgewater
23	Ray DiGaetano	Rockland
25	Colette A. Caldwell	Rockland
26	Frankland W. L. Miles, Jr.	Duxbury
27	James A. Flanagan	Rockland
28	Theodosia M. Wallace	Rockland
31	Joseph R. Catalano	Rockland
June		
1	Catherine F. Pizzano	Rockland
9	Wayne Colin Dunlop	Rockland
10	Marguerite Gordon	Rockland
10	Catherine E. Ross	Rockland
11	Lorraine Guerrette	Rockland
16	George Campbell, Jr.	Rockland
18	Avis Grace Ryan	Rockland

21	Marie Bernadette Nolan	Rockland
27	Harold S. Rogers	Hull
28	Janet R. Koehler	Rockland
29	Glenn C. Fredette	Rockland
July		
2	Vincent L. Vecchione	Rockland
6	Mary Bridget Butts	Rockland
6	Eleanor L. McGarry	Rockland
7	Mildred J. Connolly	Rockland
8	Mary B. McSharry	Rockland
8	David W. Tucker, Sr.	Rockland
22	Elizabeth M. Gullickson	Rockland
23	Virginia J. Costa	Rockland
25	Mary Jane Crowell	Rockland
25	Judith L. Beals Vecchione	Rockland
30	Edward F. Immar	Rockland
31	Sharon A. D'Amore	Rockland
31	Catherine Young	Rockland
August		
4	Priscilla A. Colby	Rockland
7	Dianne J. Peuser	Rockland
7	Joseph R. Famularo	Rockland
8	Rita M. Casey	Rockland
10	Helen M. White	Rockland
12	Lorraine Westgate	Brockton
16	James Durfee	Rockland
16	Robert J. Hughes, Sr.	Rockland
17	Anna Matthews	Rockland
18	Nicholas J. Barros	Rockland
20	James M. Garvey	Rockland
22	Nancy J. Parmenter	Rockland
28	Elizabeth Taylor Kulikowski	Rockland
31	Elinor E. Moline	Rockland
September		
1	Colleen D. Furgal	Rockland
5	Mary E. Delorey	Rockland
6	Mark Duquette	Rockland
11	Gretchen M. Mullaney	Rockland
16	Rosemary Simonassi	Rockland
19	Marino J. DeMeo	Rockland
20	Kathleen A. Jenks	Rockland
20	Esther L. Mortenson	Rockland
20	Thomasina Uva	Rockland

21	Richard L. Mallar	Rockland
23	Beatrice M. Christopoulos	Rockland
26	Mary R. Warford	Hingham
27	David P. Brandolini	Rockland
27	Edythe E. Kersey	Rockland
27	John P. O'Neill	Rockland
27	Frederick Piccetto	Rockland
30	Lawrence Connolly	Rockland

October

1	Theresa M. Haggerty	Rockland
2	David J. Blair, Jr.	Rockland
2	William F. Doherty	Rockland
5	Ellen M. McNamara	Rockland
7	Eldridge W. Buffum	Rockland
7	Helen M. Teehan	Rockland
8	Irene F. Schwalm	Rockland
10	Janet P. Dwyer	Rockland
11	Dolores Mary Hickey	Rockland
12	Esther W. Wyatt	Whitman
13	George H. Moran, Jr.	Rockland
16	John Barber	Rockland
22	Maria Demergis	Brookline
23	Donna M. Bach	Rockland
23	Walter J. Ogar, Jr.	Rockland
28	Henry Chase	Rockland
30	Joyce June Jenkins	Rockland

November

1	Joseph Francis Burns	Rockland
2	Margaret Tesesa Boylan	Boston
2	Paul Agno Doucette	Rockland
2	Nancy A. Hughes	Whitman
2	Viola Shalgian	Rockland
3	Henry J. Golemme	Rockland
3	Fred L. St. Onge	Rockland
5	Annie Sheena Murray	Bridgewater
7	Stella M. Johnson	Hull
8	Morgan C. Christy	Rockland
8	Annie A. Palestrini	Quincy
9	Russell Baker	Rockland
13	Ezila DoCanto	Marshfield
13	Alma S. Melvin	Rockland
15	Evelyn L. Bell	Rockland
15	Helen F. Crowley	Rockland
15	Marjorie Teresa Guerra	Hanson
15	Nima Hadji-Ghafouri	Rockland
16	Daniel J. Peckham	Norwell

17	Edward H. Sidelinger	Rockland
19	Judith A. Beebe	Rockland
19	Pauline Cronin	Rockland
20	James P. Bell	Rockland
23	Alfred T. King	Rockland
24	Robert A. Armstrong	Rockland
24	Frances E. Lamrock	Rockland
27	Elizabeth M. Roberts	Rockland
28	Paul J. Bergin	Rockland
29	George T. Boyce	Rockland
30	Glinda Gail Luck	Abington
30	Dorothy M. Poore	Rockland
December		
3	Florence T. Bergen	Rockland
7	Mae E. Mann	Boston
13	Maureen Brady	Rockland
13	Beverly G. Peterson	Whitman
13	Ted L. Geiger	Rockland
18	Edward Ahearn	Rockland
20	Shirley M. Spencer	Abington
21	Joseph F. Morrissey	Rockland
24	Dorris E. Ruiz	Rockland
25	Virginia M. White	Rockland
27	Joan M. Smollett	Rockland
28	Simone Comeau	Rockland
30	Marie E. Coughlin	Rockland
31	Dorothea J. Barrett	Rockland

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND
2009**

DATE	PARTY A	PARTY B
February		
6	Jessica Svea Elfrieda Spry	Lisa Erin Anderson
14	Joseph Paul Kidney	Krystal Marie Holbrook
14	Jonathan Spencer McLean	Gleissy Taborda de Oliveira
15	Kevin Martinho	Aleah Marie Mathews
21	Kevin Jason Cutter	Ashley Mariani
March		
14	Edward John Williams	Christy Teresa Saya
21	Humberto Cordero	Julie Ann Bullock
24	Duane Anthony Flemings	Kelly Leigh Sample
April		
3	Adin William Pratt	Frances Eleanor DeRita-Rapozo
6	Johnny Hoyos	Valeria Alves Segal
13	James Richard Clarke	Leah Lesal Caldwell
18	Paul Andrew Boselli	Lisa Marie Florence Harriman
May		
2	Rafael de Morais Furtado	Ashlee Marie Young
9	Thomas Patrick Kerivan, Jr.	Sheri Marie Botticelli
9	Robert Michael LeClair	Samantha Jo Gregory
16	Joseph Philip Harris	Katharyn Mary McCormack
16	Aaron Gregory Root	Samantha Ann Mortland
16	John Mathias Wright	Tambre-Lee Anne Weikel
21	Erik Scott Shubert	Kelly Constance MacDonald
22	Vinicius Barbosa Campos	Beatriz Castellano
23	Daniel Robert Kinan	Kerry Marie Malvesti
30	Ashley Sara Baron	Courtney Lynn Fontaine
31	James Francis O'Connor, Jr.	Janet Joan Raymond
June		
5	Shaun Michael O'Leary	Danielle Claire Hartigan
5	Gregory Alan Roaf	Anna Jane Hanlon
6	Joseph Vincent Barry	Jennifer Joan Brokmeier
6	Stephen Vito Cannavo, Jr.	Kerri Anne Carney
7	Michael Paul DeSimone, Jr.	Sara Elisabeth Morse
13	Michael Elia Manolakis	Tanya Lee Cassidy
13	Steven John Poirier	Kimberly Ann Swenson
13	Marc George Tappa	Cheryl Ann Garnick
20	Francis James McCoole, III	Michelle Lee McCarthy
27	Matthew Sydell Hanley	Kate Elizabeth Greenberg
28	Wayne Lemar Tuggle	Antonia Leopuldina Gomes Barbosa

July

4	Eric Robishaw	Nicole Arlene Biagini
12	Cassio Batista Machado	Christiane Oliveira Porto
12	Marcio Batista Machado	Thayanne Gomes Alves de Carvalho
18	Kevin Francis Barry	Melissa Marie Rogers
18	David Arthur Bentley	Marianne McConville
19	Michael Dennis McCarthy	Elisabeth Rebecca Taylor Foley
19	John David Murphy	Faye Helaine Meyer
24	Kyle Michael Lynch	Kristi April Savicke
25	Craig Daniel Hassen	Annmarie Lee
25	James Michael Previti	Erika Lynn Olson
25	Daniel Charles Rogier	Katherine Marie Whitt
28	John Francis Barcellos	Zhong Ping Pan

August

1	Dennis Patrick Fuery	Melissa Janine Ward
7	Steve Dale Rehm	Robbin Elizabeth Bryson-Smith
8	Ronald Matthew Barrett	Joanne Marie Shirosky
14	Leonardo Carvalho Fernandes	Melissa Marie Dalton
14	Patrick Shawn Reardon	Patricia Marie Burke
22	Guy Raymond Barrett	Janet Wilson Otis
29	John Joseph Sammon	Dianne Wood Horwath

September

4	Mark Justin Nota	Kira Danielle Stairs
6	James Clarence Aubin	Toni Lei Morrison
11	Nicholas James Farish	Catherine Mary Faherty
12	Scott Charles MacFaden	Jennifer Elizabeth Hills
12	Ronald Lee Reynolds	Nicole Marie McPhee
13	Nicholas Gaetano Barrese	Christina Marie Stamm
19	Robert James Cantelli	Patricia Ann Folino
19	James Peter Merritt	Sara Christine Farmer
26	Steven Joseph Bellantoni	Kerri Ann Gillis
26	Brian Allen Mason	Amy Elizabeth Tompkins
26	Jeffrey Scott O'Hara	Jane Flannery
27	James Michael Gately	Laura Marie Crowell

October

4	Jason Paul Slack	Theresa Ann Brady
11	Adam Warren Najarian	Courtney Lynn Raposa
11	James Edward Taylor	Nanci Anne Kelly
17	Paul Aidan Hession	Kristi Lynn Burke
18	Zachary Andrew Maynard	Christina Anne Rice
25	Derek Martin Shanahan	Martha Hayes
29	Marc Anthony Spaulding	Kathy Mae Calderwood

November

7 Robert Edward McClain
8 Maria Nagishbandi
13 Alan Michael MacDonald
14 Daniel Vincent Schirf
18 Metheus Pereira Martins

Barbara Anne Curtin
Neesha Singh
Jennifer Jean Hill
Kristin Marie Doucette
Sandra Resende Jordao Lopes

December

4 Robert Bruce MacDonald
12 Derek Wayne Ashbridge
19 Ghazi A. Fadlallah
26 Bradford Alexander Hawes
31 John Gregory Muldoon

Joan Marie Fanning
Elizabeth Cho
Malak Hasseb Khashab
Katie Marie Rich
Patricia Ann Vista

VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

	*2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Births	216	227	220	198	215
Marriages	82	98	98	94	95
Deaths	191	202	188	209	191

* Incomplete Returns

DOG LICENSES

Number of Licenses sold	884
Total amount collected	\$6,833.00
Fees	662.25
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$6,170.75

FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES

Number of Licenses sold (including stamps)	269
Total Amount Collected	\$4,973.30
Fees	246.55
Paid to Comm. of Massachusetts	\$4,726.75

PASSPORTS

Passports continue to be a source of revenue for the Town. We have been agents for the U.S. Department of State since 2003 however The Department of State reduced the money the Town receives from \$30.00 each to \$20.00 each. We processed in excess of 850 passports this year and realized a profit of \$21,290.00 less the postage to mail them.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS 2009

Registered Voters January 1, 2009	11,715
Registered Voters December 31, 2009	11,809

ENROLLMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

POLITICAL PARTIES

Democrats	3,372
Republicans	1,261
Libertarian Party	42
Unenrolled	7,116

POLITICAL DESIGNATIONS

America First Party	1
American Independent	1
Green-Rainbow	8
Inter. 3 rd Party	5
Reform Party	2
Veteran Party America	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	11,809

INFORMATION ON VOTER REGISTRATION

Residents must be 18 years of age or older, born in the United States, or be a Naturalized citizen.

Once registered, residents do not have to re-register unless they have left Rockland and have been taken off the voting list. If they return to Rockland, they must re-register.

There are no residency requirements. You may move into Town one day and register to vote the next day.

There are 3 political parties in Massachusetts: Democratic, Republican and Libertarian Party.

In addition to the political parties there are political designations. If you enroll in any political designation you may not vote in any state or presidential primary.

INFORMATION ON VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSING DATES BEFORE MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

Special town meetings: No later than 8:00 p.m. on the tenth day preceding such meeting.

Every state or town election or town meeting: No later than 8:00 p.m. on the twentieth day preceding such election or town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ceurvels
Teresa R. Dow
Randalin S. Ralston
Mary Pat Kaszanek
BOARD OF REGISTRARS

TOWN TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland:
I hereby submit my report as Town Treasurer for year 2009.

CASH RECEIPTS JULY 2008 \$9,339,577.39

	<u>Monthly Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Jul-08	5,890,931.23	7,850,819.05
Aug	2,069,980.90	3,799,204.17
Sept	5,837,026.96	4,204,410.45
Oct	6,731,412.17	4,525,628.73
Nov	2,703,528.99	4,574,212.94
Dec	5,188,971.35	4,942,894.33
Jan-09	4,646,453.23	5,752,002.69
Feb	5,431,048.82	5,138,348.04
Mar	5,550,090.57	4,093,744.58
Apr	4,463,333.84	4,299,033.51
May	5,518,907.44	4,869,773.83
June	5,736,809.58	6,196,977.59
Total cash receipts less disbursements:		

30-June-09	59,768.495.08	60,247,049.91
Balance cash receipts 6/30/2009		8,861,022.56

Tax Title:		436,047.55
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Taxes added to Tax Title:		188,679.88
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Less payments, payments and redemptions, voids:		165,122.25
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Balance 6/30/2009		459,605.18
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Trust Funds: 6/30/2009

School Scholarships		686,267.24
Perpetual care lots		91,454.95
Grace bequest tree fund		8,652.56

Thank you to Jane Sforza, Assistant Treasurer and Donna Shortall, Administrative Assistant for their hard work this year in helping to keep the office running smoothly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, all the Town Departments that we work with and the Citizens of Rockland for their continued support.

Karen Sepeck
Treasurer

TOWN OF ROCKLAND SALARIES 2009

NAME	YTD	GROSS		
Acevich, David X	320.00		Chernicki, Peter M	85,113.92
Alongi, Raymond C	640.00		Childs, Cynda	8,181.08
Anatasio, Ernest P	320.00		Chiocca, Allan R	84,663.93
Arena, Paul	940.50		Clark, Lisa C	17,338.92
Ashton, Barry	159,810.77		Clearo, William	61,077.96
Austin, Marie	3,000.00		Coakley, Brian P	93,286.67
Bailey, Elena	3,411.72		Connolly, Eileen	13,453.56
Baker, Richard	67,424.08		Corvi Jr, Robert	61,919.68
Baker, Robert	54,471.58		Cristani Jr, Wayne	320.00
Banks, Dianne L	3,000.00		Cronin, Kathleen	575.00
Banks, Gregory	90.00		Daley, Peter	320.00
Beasley, Cathleen M	4,955.76		Daly, Jessica	2,820.00
Beatrice, Christopher	300.00		Daly, Timothy	11,170.00
Beatrice, Lynn M	513.75		Decourcy, David J	54,074.37
Benson, Taylor	633.78		Deibel, Victoria T	200.00
Billings, Douglas N	33,192.14		Delprete, Daniel G	81,640.77
Bonardi, Lois	400.00		Delprete, Wayne	86,491.62
Bowles, Jane E	350.00		Devito, Nicholas J	500.00
Bradford, Marlys L	4,275.00		DiPoli, Robert A	38,254.20
Brady, James T	20,289.61		Direnzo, Candace	3,850.00
Brett, Julian D	300.00		Direnzo, Jeffrey A	2,424.08
Brinkmann, Robert G	7,200.00		Direnzo-Thacker, Leigh	100.00
Brokmeier, Jennifer	100.00		Ditocco, Mark J	92,813.09
Brokmeir, Michele	300.00		Dolan, James W	1,725.00
Brown, Beverly C	62,602.85		Donnelly Jr, Paul D	96,317.70
Brundige, Sean D	75,166.48		Donnelly, June	42,860.94
Bryan, Margaret	43,628.54		Donovan, Dennis	99,575.94
Bucca, Michael J	320.00		Donovan, Mary E	1,106.25
Buiel, Joseph L	104,674.19		Dooley, Paul F	54,152.09
Buono, Joseph	320.00		Dooner, Donald	1,716.28
Burrill, Bette L	38,793.87		Dow, Teresa R	17,436.18
Burrill, James	200.00		Draicchio, Nicole E	80.00
Byers Jr, Michael D	66,589.64		Dudek, Thomas A	60,774.24
Callahan, Ann M	2,880.00		Duffey, Scott F	113,989.13
Callahan, Colleen	870.00		Duhaine, Richard J	141,103.86
Callahan, Daniel F	88,032.63		Dunlap, Seth A	1,240.00
Cameron, Kristel J	49,556.27		Eramo Jr, Richard A	18,489.76
Cann, Donald J	100.00		Eramo, Gerard	94,491.10
Casper, James E	65,903.53		Erickson, Craig	111,381.54
Chandler, Janis R	29,199.67		Esposito III, Gerald F	225.00
Chaponis, Patricia A	300.00		Esposito Jr, Joseph F	1,960.00

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Everett, Ronald A	27,390.52	Hennessy, Paul C	31,953.05
Everett, Wayne M	26,713.53	Hickey, Matthew	320.00
Ewell, Catherine	840.00	Horsch, William	125.00
Ewell, Peter	65,605.00	Hoss, Matthew D	1,403.08
Ferguson, William A	97,771.29	Howes, Rita M	375.00
Fitzpatrick, James	39,358.97	Hurley, John	113,465.89
Flipp, Delshaune	30,641.80	Hussey Jr., Donald	115,782.91
Fogg Jr, John N	640.00	Hussey, Richard M	5,360.00
Foley, Martin F	380.00	Hussey, Robert W	70,029.38
Fotopoulos, Gloria	500.00	Jackson, Wayne	101,507.42
Frazier, Glenn	380.00	Jepsen, James	160.00
Fricker, Jason	73,239.15	Jonah, Timothy J	2,313.81
Furlong, Andrea L	62.50	Jones, Colleen	450.00
Furlong, Carole	400.00	Kaszanek, Mary P	58,551.83
Furlong, Celine A	362.50	Keenan, John J	320.00
Furlong, Richard T	94,208.50	Kelly, Mary A	300.00
Furlong, Thomas	500.00	Ketterer, Judy	765.00
Gallagher, Kevin M	32,586.22	Killinger, James F	1,034.00
Gammon, William	320.00	Kimball, Charles V	125.00
Gannon, John	71,509.57	Kingston, Lauren A	2,750.00
Geddry, David	66,765.22	Kirslis, Erika L	180.00
Gianatassio, Jeanne	46,655.60	Ladner, Beverly A	200.00
Giannini Jr, Albert	64,872.16	Landy, Liza J	4,944.76
Gibbons, Joseph A	64,447.48	Langill, David T	1,588.16
Gilbert, Jane R	2,048.00	Lapointe, Joseph M	65,063.04
Gilcoine, Nancy	1,130.16	Lawrence, Darryl	320.00
Golemme, David	513.00	Leahy, Lisa	225.00
Golemme, Karianne J	5,421.25	Leonardi, Cora	300.00
Guerrette, Karen	44,629.60	Lincoln, John A	78,722.01
Hall, Amanda M	61,414.82	Lincoln, Matthew	4,867.50
Hall, Joanne E	57,903.52	Llewellyn, John	123,736.89
Hall, Robin	37,653.54	Llewellyn, Susan J	80,099.28
Halliday, Patricia	200.00	Long, Jane E	34,337.14
Harjula, Gregory E	600.00	Long, Marilyn	1,248.00
Harrington, Ann E	500.00	Loranger, Stephen	380.00
Hart, Eric A	45,757.69	Loughlin, Edward	270.00
Hartigan, Judith A	39,806.78	Loughlin, John F	69,724.93
Heaney, Thomas L	92,537.38	Lucas, David	1,264.00
Heffernan, Faith T	325.00	MacDonald, Charles E	49,141.60
Henderson, Richard	1,980.00	MacDonald, Robert D	34,691.72
Henderson, Thomas J	76,470.64	MacDonald, Thomas W	104,911.30

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Mahoney, Diane	1,574.64	O'Connor, Sean B	2,608.00
Mahoney, Michael	420.00	Odea, Edward	102,159.94
Mahoney, Paula	459.00	Oshry, Marc	106,197.27
Malafronte, Victor	44,661.50	Panaro, Urban	135.00
Manning, Teresa A	34,290.39	Pappaceno, Brian J	50,970.41
Margolis, Scott H	88,521.22	Parker, Elizabeth A	45,571.59
Mari, Yvonne	250.00	Parker, Jennifer	716.00
Materna, Anton F	43,462.01	Paul Jr, James R	12,790.00
McCarthy, Janice R W	59,703.52	Perrault, David J	560.00
McCarthy, Kevin	440.00	Peterson, Eric S	89,450.07
McClure, Diane E	39,797.25	Phelps, Edward	88,496.39
McCraith, John J	15,496.12	Pigeon, Gregory A	93,822.47
McDermott, Peter	19,809.01	Pratt, Lynne C	37,468.45
McDonald, Brian J	34,571.36	Pratt, Megan	224.00
McEnelly, Margaret E	400.00	Ralston, Randalin S	41,685.60
McGarry, William	837.00	Richardi, Francis A	27,642.18
McGuiness, Christine J	38,069.47	Riordan, Thomas J	50,155.56
McGuiness, Leanne T	31,490.24	Roache, Anthony J	300.00
McPhee, Alan W	250.00	Rogerson, L'Oren	312.00
McPherson, Charles J	500.00	Romsey, Charles D	380.00
McPherson, Margaret	400.00	Rovelto, William O	640.00
Mellen, Kimberly	544.00	Royal, Thomas E	94,926.86
Mellen, Nancy	1,410.00	Royal, William T	81,667.97
Merritt, Harry L	237.78	Ruble, Thomas E	62,323.00
Miller, Rosemary M	14,154.05	Ryan, Mary P	51,896.24
Montalbano, John J	63,885.44	Salvati, Linda	30,565.81
Montalvo, Corinne	1,862.00	Sammon, J. Michael	83,801.46
Monteiro, Matthew	320.00	Sammon, John J	117,758.90
Moore, Christopher	320.00	Sammon, Stephen P	100,985.67
Mullen, Michael	91,280.11	Savicke, Steven	1,000.00
Murphy, Dolores S	1,244.00	Sawaya, James J	12,310.00
Murphy, Eleanor L	17,375.00	Schnabel, Ethan L	70,171.06
Murphy, Helen	26,038.04	Schneider, Ellin M	20,823.92
Murrill, Thomas	2,370.00	Schnider, Matthew	990.00
Nelson, Stephen B	200.00	Schultz, Geralyn	35,536.50
Newcomb, Debra	21,542.57	Schwenderman, James	48,091.12
Norton, Patrick J	74,398.14	Schwenderman, Susan	34,603.79
Novio, Richard M	95,120.48	Sciara, John F	106,243.80
O'Brien, Kaitlyn	60.00	Sepeck, Erik M	49,802.99
O'Connor Jr., John T	84,714.78	Sepeck, Karen M	59,345.70
O'Connor, Jan	200.00	Sepeck, Mark	46,884.19

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Sforza, Jane B	42,965.71	Togo, Sheila W	75.00
Shallies, William	66,929.54	Tolan, Peter	661.50
Shaw, Joseph	621.16	Toohy, Liam	810.00
Shortall, Donna M	34,434.57	Tracy, Michael P	81,900.14
Simmons, Susan	180.00	Travers, Catherine M	100.00
Simmons, Walter	225.00	Tweed, Jeanne A	500.00
Simpson III, James F	79,637.13	Viglas, Thomas A	20,671.06
Simpson, Beverly A	30,930.31	Wahlstrom, Barbara M	125.00
Slocumb, Mackenzie	1,320.00	Waisgerber, Mary L	500.00
Smith, Kerri	4,462.37	Walling, Judith E	24.86
Smith, Lowell	380.00	Walsh, Michael	432.00
Somers, Richard L	66,738.18	Welch, Richard E	29,363.80
Somers, Steven P	94,728.68	Welch, Rodney	132,405.25
Spear, Tristen L	1,342.00	Wentworth, John A	103,533.67
Stewart, Jill	32,754.92	Whitman, Robert C	1,565.00
Stewart, Mary	43,843.02	Whittemore, Patricia	45,157.75
Stewart, William E	14,878.20	Wilcox, Colby R	340.65
Sullivan, Darleen L	4,990.00	Williams III, Charles O	92,024.31
Sullivan, Glenn	58,769.47	Woods, Edward	640.00
Sullivan, Meghan M	178.50	Woodward, Warren	216.00
Sweeney, Ronald E	640.00	Wooley, David L	94,515.52
Tamborella, Courtney	710.88	Young, Mary E	225.00
Tanzi Jr, Ralph J	66,254.95	Zeoli, Nicholas P	112,804.07
Tanzi, Sossio	60,407.38	Zielinski, Joseph	82,010.30
Tassinari, John S	380.00		
Taylor, Philip	823.50	298	
Terrill Jr, Kenneth	500.00	TOTAL	4,509,018.94
Tierney, Karen	624.00		

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SALARIES 2009

1/1/2009 to 12/31/2009	Regular Earnings	Overtime Earnings	Msc Earnings	Gross Total
Adams, Marcia	68,333	0	0	68,333
Allen, Carol A	16,971	0	1,244	17,974
Anders, Cynthia	32,981	0	1,330	34,311
Anders, Cynthia	24,811	0	4,690	29,501
Anders, Cynthia	9,760	0	0	9,760
Anders, Cynthia	2,440	0	0	2,440
Anderson, Virginia	68,843	0	0	68,843
Armstrong, Angelina	45,601	0	4,060	49,661
Armstrong, Karen A	42,435	0	0	42,435
Ash, Kathleen	750	0	0	750
Ashton, Barry	160	0	0	160
Austin, Ryan	910	0	0	910
Babcock, Monica	43,074	0	0	43,074
Baker, Karen	11,675	0	450	12,125
Balas, Joan	13,785	0	0	13,785
Barr, Megan	350	0	0	350
Barrett, Maureen	65,883	0	0	65,883
Barry, Janet	607	0	9	615
Barry, Janet	13,165	0	973	14,139
Beal, Patricia	69,133	0	0	69,133
Beaucaire, Deborah	630	0	0	630
Beaucaire, Deborah	3,975	0	0	3,975
Beaucaire, Deborah	630	0	0	630
Beaudet, Elizabeth	11,282	0	53	11,727
Benson, Elizabeth	70	0	0	70
Benson, Margaret	16,092	0	1,215	17,307
Bigsby, Chad	55,426	0	0	55,426
Bisschop, Marian	242	0	0	242
Bissonnette, Michele	74,906	0	0	74,906
Bistany, Pamela	14,139	0	464	14,603
Black, Margaret	73,756	0	6,368	80,623
Blake, Amanda	630	0	0	630
Blake, Kerri	48,128	0	0	48,128
Bogus, Margaret A	83,660	0	140	83,800
Bohn, Elizabeth	94,843	0	0	94,843
Boughter, Beverly A.	14,771	0	1,567	16,338

Boylan, Connie L	16,833	0	128	16,961
Boyle, Patricia	21,722	0	1,750	23,472
Bradford, Marlys	16,309	0	1,067	17,376
Brennan, Cheryl	15,909	0	312	16,222
Brennan, Dianne	15,909	0	383	16,051
Brickley, Carol A	67,633	0	0	67,633
Brown, Paula	41,523	0	129	41,652
Brown, Timothy	0	0	0	6,017
Brownell, Denise	14,511		3,032	17,543
Brownell, Lena	770	0	0	770
Buckley, Margaret	71,973	0	0	71,973
Bulens, Kathleen I	32,738	0	116	32,854
Burke, Catherine	8,632	0	630	9,262
Burke, Catherine	7,173	0	1,330	8,503
Burke, Catherine	6,513	0	0	6,513
Burke, Catherine	8,632	0	0	8,632
Burke, Gale	67,633	0	0	67,633
Burke, Patricia	8,147	0	450	8,597
Burnieika, Christopher	1,835	0	0	1,835
Burns, Maryann	25,553	0	600	26,153
Burrill, Carol L	49,591	0	928	50,519
Burwen, Russell	55,426	0	0	55,426
Butler, Kristin	50,369	0	0	50,369
Cable-Murphy, David	79,983	0	1,295	82,878
Cahill, Carol	53,514	0	0	54,604
Caldeira, Robert	13,188	91	979	14,257
Caldeira, Robert	1,500	0	621	2,121
Caliri, Emelia	51,660	0	0	51,660
Callahan, Patrick	0	0	5,676	5,676
Camirand, Marian	44,247	0	0	44,247
Cann, Janet	68,777	0	0	68,777
Canney, Judith	9,120	0	0	9,120
Caplice, Donna	41,758	0	1,124	42,882
Capone, Steven	8,540	0	0	8,540
Caprio, Wendy Savage	74,906	0	0	74,906
Carchedi, Debra	350	0	0	350
Carey, Mara	72,668	0	140	72,808
Caron, Catherine Riley	6,923	0	308	7,232
Carson, Dennis	125	0	0	125
Carthas, Courtney	13,095	0	753	13,848
Cary, Neil	12,877	0	232	13,109
Casagrande, James	73,665	0	0	73,665

Casagrande, Patricia	68,333	0	0	68,333
Casagrande, Steven	71,564	0	0	77,081
Casey, Lee A	17,857		996	18,435
Casper, James	800	0	0	800
Catino, Andrew	44,658	3,892	470	49,020
Clark, Maureen	18,955	0	3,635	22,590
Clay, Diana H	34,695	0	0	34,695
Clay, Diana H	24,754	0	0	24,754
Clay, Diana H	9,913	0	0	9,913
Coen, Helen M	76,792	0	140	76,932
Collins, Sarah	39,313	0	0	39,313
Collins, Stephanie	13,732	0	950	14,682
Concannon, Maryellen	11,856	0	0	11,856
Connell, Deborah	17,838	0	40	17,878
Contrino, Debra	1,836	0	0	1,836
Cook, Janet	70,918	0	6,300	77,932
Corbett, Katharine J	72,053	0	0	72,053
Corr, Diane	75,306	0	8,149	83,455
Costello, Joan Foley	65,522	0	0	65,522
Coulstring, Patricia	17,439	0	1,147	18,586
Cousin, Joann	12,721	0	487	13,208
Cowgill, Angeline	54,608	0	70	54,678
Cramer, Cheryl	159	0	0	159
Crane, Karen	3,763	0	96	3,859
Creedon, Denise	65,189	0	0	65,189
Cronin, Kathleen A	46,869	0	0	46,869
Crooks, Diane M.	19,190	0	1,731	20,920
Crooks, Lindsey	2,030	0	0	2,030
Cross, Kimberly	770	0	0	770
Crovo, Peter	28,962	573	325	29,860
Crovo, Peter	16,831	0	149	16,980
Cullinan, Timothy J	332	0	0	7,852
Cummins, Amanda	18,112		0	18,112
Curran, Denise	10,526	0	47	10,573
Curry, Shannon	70	0	0	70
Curtin, Karen	45,324	0	0	45,324
Cusick, Judith	60,755	481	5,343	66,578
Damon II, Fredrick E	71,253	0	4,754	96,691
Damon, Frances	46,837		190	47,267
Davidson, Denise	57,643	0	234	58,476
Davis, Noel	3,290	0	0	3,290
Davis, Noel	2,973	0	490	3,463

Deacon, Alicia	11,188	0	0	11,188
Deacon, Jean E	22,665	0	0	22,665
Dearth, Gail	7,160	0	215	7,375
Dececco, Kathleen	11,456	0	497	11,953
Decourcy, David J	626	0	0	626
Delprete, Brenda	13,989	0	653	14,642
Delprete, Carol	46,837	0	3,304	50,141
Delprete, Christine	6,474	0	140	6,614
Dicienzo, Denise	6,416	0	215	6,631
Diggle, Mary	23,628	0	0	23,628
Digregorio, Beverly	51,503	0	3,885	55,388
Doe, Sandra	7,702	0	0	7,702
Doering, Edna Rose	27,886	0	0	27,886
Donahue, Ellen	11,286	0	0	11,286
Dondero, Marie T	73,768	0	0	73,768
Donnelly, Paul	160	0	0	160
Donovan, Caitlyn	50,369	0	0	50,369
Dowdall, Sandra	17,787	0	1,434	19,221
Downton, Samantha	11,732	0	0	11,732
Doyle, Theresa	13,350	0	406	13,756
Dressler, Eugene	61,597	0	105	65,670
Duarte, Rogerio	20,528		0	20,528
Duffey, Karen	27,458	0	0	27,458
Duffey, Karen	43,704	0	0	43,704
Duncan, Diane	3,383	0	0	3,383
Dunin, Heather A.	59,210	0	1,960	61,170
Dunn, Anne Marie	74,906	0	998	75,903
Dunn, Carla	11,775	0	0	14,647
Dunn, Kenneth	64,399	4,176	1,492	70,067
Dunn, Mary	69,361		0	69,361
Dupont, Laurie	27,767	0	0	27,767
Duquette, Sue-Ellen	40,580	0	0	40,580
Duross, Lynda	28,944	0	0	28,944
Dutra, Lisa	6,185	0	0	6,185
Elfman, Brenda	72,668	0	0	72,668
Ellis, Jane	45,837	0	300	46,587
Ellis, Tamao Buffalo	0	0	0	669
Elnitsky, Caitlin	70	0	0	70
Enos, Glen E	75,306	0	5,635	80,941
Ernest, Patricia	10,731	0	474	11,205
Ewell, Catherine	4,753	0	2,434	7,187
Ewell, Catherine	5,781	0	1,930	7,710

Ewell, Peter	1,361	0	0	1,361
Fallon, Kathleen	16,375	0	0	16,375
Fallon, Patricia	65,522	0	0	65,522
Farley, Amy	36,334	0	0	36,334
Faulstich, Jill	6,247	0	215	6,462
Faxon, Dianne	140	0	0	140
Feeney, Julie	18,928	0	0	18,928
Feinstein, Brenda	22,464	0	365	22,829
Fernandes, Hope	75,987	0	13,420	90,036
Ferris, Lindsey	70	0	0	70
Ferry, Kathleen	61,597	0	0	61,597
Flaherty, Michael	5,333	0	0	5,333
Flanagan, James	63,001	0	35	65,007
Flanagan, Mary T	76,392	0	5,965	82,357
Flanders, Anne	24,029	0	378	24,406
Fleming, Patricia A Merten	70,161	0	1,050	71,211
Foley, Margaret	15,762	0	0	15,762
Folino, Steve	0	0	0	3,417
Folsom, Brenda	72,056	0	2,758	81,802
Folsom, Jacquelyn	15,406	0	0	15,406
Forlizzi, Colleen	74,238	0	0	74,952
Fournier, Barbara A	3,679	0	0	3,679
Fraher, Sheila	700	0	0	700
Franzen, Deborah	66,093	0	2,940	71,883
Frates, Janice	51,396	0	0	51,115
Fredericks, Richard	5,285	0	0	5,285
Fredericks, Richard	7,770	0	0	13,377
Fredlund, Janet	1,130	0	0	1,130
Furlong, Richard	148	0	0	148
Gallagher, Kevin	835	46	0	881
Gammon, William	4,848	0	0	4,848
Gardner, Kerry	354	0	0	354
Garrity, Kathleen	11,926	0	223	12,149
Garvey, Claire	46,837	0	0	47,337
Gattine, Richard	74,383	0	2,608	76,991
Gatulis, Ann M	39,329	0	500	39,829
Gay, Richard	41,013	1,388	2,037	44,428
George, Jamie	64,123	0	0	67,678
Gibson, Sandra	82,483	0	350	84,802
Goggin, Laura	140	0	0	140
Goldman, Carol	12,877	0	98	12,975
Golemme, David	45,988	431	761	47,180

Grass, Catherine	28,823	0	0	28,823
Grattan, Nancy	75,992	0	140	761,322
Graziano, Gary	92,746	0	0	97,941
Grieves, Marcia	5,600	0	0	5,600
Grieves, Marcia	43,320	0	21,700	65,020
Griffin, Linda	14,838	0	0	14,838
Grimmett, Randal	83,083	0	1,260	88,704
Haapaoja, Joyce	23,187	0	94	23,281
Hafner, Eric	15,493	0	0	15,493
Hafner, Eric	54,224	0	0	54,224
Hagan, Lauren	3,640	0	0	3,640
Hagan, Lauren	1,041	0	0	800
Hagan, Lauren	1,562	0	38	1,600
Haggerty, Michael	55,092	0	140	55,232
Hall, Judith	4,817	0	153	4,919
Hall, Judith	3,778	0	0	3,778
Hannigan, Dale	13,730	0	315	13,755
Hanrahan, Dorothy E	8,874	0	0	8,874
Hansen, Susan W.	75,306	0	140	75,446
Harden, Matthew	66,683	0	2,730	75,493
Harrington, Shannon	210	0	0	210
Harris, Ellen F	69,133	0	175	69,308
Hawkes, Charesah	16,787	0	0	16,787
Hayes, Diane	73,768	0	0	74,174
Heney, Lori	10,686	0	77	10,452
Hernon, Michael	280	0	0	280
Hickey, Helenmarie	1,610	0	0	1,610
Hicks, Catherine	13,875	0	0	13,875
Hocking, Carol	41,000	0	280	41,280
Hocking, Judith	1,958	0	0	1,958
Hoffman, Kathy Anne	72,056	0	1,733	73,788
Hogan, Deborah	55,426	0	0	55,426
Hogan, Ernest	8,913	0	0	8,713
Hogan, Ernest	725	0	0	725
Hologitas, Sara	35,532	0	1,750	37,282
Houston, Laure	16,389	0	1,051	17,440
Hoye, Nancy	3,332	0	40	3,442
Hoyo, Samantha	50,657	0	8,610	61,148
Hughes, Steven	78,018	0	0	78,018
Hurley, John	640	0	0	640
Jagiela, Elizabeth	41,595	0	140	41,735
Jenkins, Kathleen	280	0	0	280

Jenner, Paul	10,390	0	2,650	16,457
Johnson, Craig	58,227	0	2,040	71,207
Johnson, Kimberly	10,046	0	34	9,425
Kane, Dawn	5,928	0	0	5,928
Kelley, Robin	74,906	0	0	74,906
Kelly, John C.	40,086	361	5,112	45,559
Kelly, Kelly Ann	25,961	0	0	25,961
Kelly, Paul	43,173	600	2,742	46,514
Kemenes, Carol A	73,768	0	70	73,838
Ketterer, Judy Ann	12,271	0	0	12,271
Kidd, Emily	59,918	0	0	59,918
Kilgallen, Catherine	16,538	0	266	16,803
Killinger, Jan Marie	67,633	0	0	67,633
Killinger, Mark	2,310	0	125	2,435
Kimball, Dawn	0	0	0	2,872
Kimball, Michelle	2,380	0	0	2,380
King, April	48,128	0	490	49,746
Kirby, Jennifer	3,710	0	0	3,710
Kirslis, Joyce	11,775	0	1,148	12,923
Kline, Paula	280	0	0	280
Kline, Paula	22,875	0	0	22,875
Knapp, Elizabeth	30,457	0	0	30,457
Knight, Catherine	15,211	0	2,167	16,989
Knobel, Mary	31,895	0	0	31,895
Knudsen, Lida	15,015	0	0	15,015
Kohn, Gerald	28,683	0	0	28,683
Labollita, Barbara	67,808	0	2,590	70,398
Lacombe, Janet M	43,677	0	0	44,177
Lamb, Donna	44,487	0	5,822	50,309
Lamlein, Kerry Morast	67,715	0	140	67,855
Langill, David	28,318	494	1,504	30,316
Langley, Patricia	14,221	0	1,168	15,388
Lannin-Cotton, Madeline	72,453	0	0	81,840
Laplante, Elizabeth	2,100	0	0	2,100
Lavertue, Kathryn	22,120	0	0	22,120
Leahy, Freea	9,215	0	0	9,215
Leahy, Freea	9,215	0	0	9,215
Learning, Melinda	76,687	0	945	77,632
Leary, Robert L	68,333	0	0	72,231
Leary, Sean	350	0	0	350
Leblanc, Angela	11,974	0	0	11,974
Leone, Heather	210	0	0	210

Leone, Re	9,933	0	88	10,020
Lester, Steven	97,720	0	0	97,720
Levine, Robert	27,089	0	0	27,089
Linehan, Jessica	69,498	0	0	69,498
Liquori, Nicholas	45,601	0	8,925	59,313
Lombardi, Sandra	58,227	0	285	60,045
Lonergan, Susan	74,906	0	0	74,906
Long, Ellen	16,787	0	630	17,417
Long, Ellen	29,797	0	1,330	31,127
Looney, Shannon	73,761	0	0	73,761
Losciuto, Ruth A.	72,668	0	3,624	76,292
Loughlin, Doreen	13,893	0	673	14,566
Loughlin, Edward	14,820	222	2,429	17,471
Low, Donna	8,989	0	450	9,439
MacAllister, Richard	45,601	0	100	50,621
MacDonald, Christina	14,574	0	12,327	26,902
MacDonald, Heather	39,313	0	0.00	393,213
MacDonald, Thomas	160	0	0.00	160
Macgilvray, Rita	140	0	0.00	140
Macquarrie, Catherine	12,508	0	0.00	12,508
Mahon, Lois A	16,809	0	108	16,918
Mahoney, Diane	14,263	0	351	14,663
Mahoney, Paula	43,632	727	3,854	48,931
Mahoney, Robert	0	0	0.00	4,102
Makarski, Lisa	14,735	0	125	14,860
Maloney, Jean	12,877	0	918	13,795
Mandrik, Brian	15,406	0	0.00	15,406
Manikas, Stephanie	53	0	0.00	53
Mariano, Laurie	74,506	0	0.00	74,506
Mark, Jean	72,453	0	0.00	72,453
Martin, Barbara	4,461	0	0.00	4,461
McCarthy, David	47,398	377	0.00	47,774
McCarthy, Madeline	560	0	0.00	560
McCormack, Gerard	210	0	0.00	210
McDonald, Charles	53,177	0	6,843	69,113
McDonald, Matthew	6,900	0	4,239	11,139
McDonnell, Julie	71,163	0	0.00	71,163
McDonough, Amanda	68,366	0	0.00	68,366
McDonough, Anita	13,350	0	227	13,577
McFarland, Linda	69,761	0	1,085	70,846
McGarry, Shani	560	0	0.00	560
McGarry, William	44,323	360	2,608	47,345

McGonnigal, Sharon	78,977	0	1,405	90,091
McGrath, Carol	97,002	0	0.00	97,002
McNamara, Lisa	70,161	0	700	70,861
McSharry, Carol	10,635	0	0.00	10,635
McSharry, Lauren	1,626	0	0.00	1,626
McSolla, Dorothy	12,721	0	217	12,938
McVay, Sheila M	2,170	0	0.00	2,170
Mellen, Nancy	12,563	0	191	12,754
Merzon, Jennifer	3,080	0	0.00	3,080
Messier, Karen	16,791	0	754	17,544
Mignacca, Kathleen	16,253	0	0.00	16,253
Mignacca, Kathleen	16,325	0	838	17,163
Miklos, Mary	79,414	0	0.00	79,414
Millen, Margaret	6,652	0	215	6,867
Miller, Alicia	34,898	0	0.00	34,898
Miller, Patricia	45,783	0	0.00	45,783
Minahan, Julie	52,897	0	2,205	55,102
Mitchell, Diane	43,074	0	1,050	50,411
Mitchell, Lynda	3,573	0	0.00	3,573
Mondville, Sharon	15,909	0	397	16,307
Morgan, Kristin	16,787	0	35	16,822
Moscardelli, Theresa	7,047	0	281	7,328
Moscardelli, Theresa	4,879	0	166	5,045
Mulholland, Martha	8,638	0	0.00	8,638
Mullaney, Joan	69,361	0	0.00	69,361
Mulready, Valerie	65,404	0	12,663	82,205
Murachver, Russell	22,530	0	463	22,992
Murphy, Edith J Lyon	15,909	0	249	16,158
Murphy, Lori	630	0	0.00	630
Murphy, Mary	17,747	0	1,524	19,271
Murphy, Priscilla	70	0	0.00	70
Murphy, Robert	68,803	0	1,400	73,758
Murphy, Susan	14,715	0	677	15,392
Naughton, John	350	0	0.00	350
Nee, Karen	56,545	0	0.00	56,545
Nelson, Douglas	140	0	0.00	140
Netto, Patricia	64,378	0	0.00	64,378
Nigro, Laurie	280	0	0.00	280
Norton, Kristin	1,890	0	0.00	1,890
Novio, Richard	1,120	0	0.00	1,120
O'Brien, Kathleen	72,668	0	0.00	72,668
O'Brien, Melody	9,730	0	350	10,080

O'Brien, Shirley	36,859	0	0.00	36,859
O'Connor, John	160	0	0.00	160
O'Day, Erin	41,595	0	0.00	41,595
O'Donnell, George	69,133	0	0.00	69,133
Okola, Catherine L.	70,553	0	0.00	70,553
Olson, Alicia Burrill	8,267	0	600	8,867
Olson, Curt	42,228	2,492	7,612	52,561
Orzechowska, Agata	12,705	0	0.00	13,834
Orzechowska, Agata	3,570	0	0.00	3,570
Osborne, Elizabeth	74,168	0	0.00	74,168
Owen, Kenneth S	70,561	0	2,758	82,343
Page, Jean M	44,247	0	140	44,387
Palana, David	70	0	0.00	70
Palmer, Stephanie	59,869	0	105	59,974
Panaro, Urban	14,274	0	1,839	16,113
Panaro, Urban	6,481	0	0.00	6,481
Paradiso, Michael	45,523	240	568	46,331
Parker, Barry R	69,780	0	0.00	69,780
Parker, Lauren	55,531	0	3,396	58,927
Parnaby, Hillary	16,309	0	421	16,730
Patton, James L	9,394	0	0.00	13,432
Patton, Susan D	96,106	0	20,267	116,373
Paulding, Kathleen A.	73,806	0	1,925	82,710
Paulding, Kathleen B.	70	0	0.00	70
Paulding, Kathleen B.	2,850	0	0.00	2,850
Paylor, Paula	75,706	0	0.00	75,706
Pelissier, Paula A	75,306	0	0.00	75,711
Pelrin, Karen M	16,309	0	102	16,140
Penney, Patricia	6,466	0	1,120	7,586
Perkins, Jeffrey E	69,533	0	0.00	72,540
Phelps, Ann	1,409	0	0.00	1,409
Phelps, Edward	640	0	0.00	640
Phelps, Susan	70,918	0	0.00	70,918
Pierce, Joann D	74,506	0	3,588	78,093
Pierce, Patricia	490	0	0.00	490
Pigeon, Sharon	4,879	0	117	4,996
Pistorino, Mary	51,698	0	3,938	55,636
Reale, Kelley	0	0	0.00	16,153
Regan, Joanne	7,492	0	0.00	7,492
Reinbold, Elisa	73,928	0	1,960	75,888
Reppucci, Joanna	33,482	0	0.00	33,482
Retchless, John	147,704	0	1,611	149,315

Reyno, Paula	14,735	0	2,198	16,933
Reynolds, Meemee	1,400	0	0.00	1,400
Reynolds, Meemee	31,714	0	0.00	31,714
Riccio, Leanne	26,262	0	500	26,762
Richardson, Jean	24,195	0	241	24,436
Richardson, Susan	28,324	0	0.00	28,324
Roback, Jennifer	55,426	0	0.00	55,426
Robinson, Kathryn	140	0	0.00	140
Rogers Jr., Joseph	247	0	0.00	247
Rogers, Diane	19,962	0	766	20,728
Rogers, Stella	1,890	0	0.00	1,890
Rose, Edward	45,988	996	2,985	49,969
Rossiter, Deborah	16,952	0	1,203	17,757
Rowe, Gregory	63,001	0	840	72,762
Rugnetta, Michelle	17,389	0	1,478	18,713
Runci, Patrick	53,177	0	0.00	53,177
Rusconi, Teresa	72,668	0	0.00	72,668
Russo, Elizabeth A	77,487	0	0.00	77,487
Russo, Helen	39,623	0	0.00	40,123
Ryan, Kathi	75,559	0	1,955	80,078
Ryan, Lisa	70,551	0	3,378	73,929
Salamone, Julianne	7,420	0	0.00	7,420
Salem, Kathryn	105,831	0	1,176	107,007
Salvucci, Richard	2,100	0	0.00	2,100
Salvucci, Richard	9,231	0	780	10,011
Sampson, Jeanne	15,909	0	308	16,217
Sangster, Stephen P	110,813	0	2,788	113,601
Sargent, Ruth	8,243	0	466	8,710
Sazin, Christine	70	0	0.00	70
Scarpelli, Doric C	134,252	0	1,177	135,428
Scarpelli, Jennifer	43,074	0	5,775	48,849
Schaefer, Kathy A	70,561	0	0.00	70,561
Scheufele, Michelle	73,368	0	0.00	73,368
Schipper, Cheryl	72,668	0	4,228	87,394
Schurga, Michele	70	0	0.00	70
Scopelleti Howes, Mary	79,409	0	0.00	79,409
Scott, Lee	75,537	0	0.00	75,537
Sepeck, Mark	1,049	0	0.00	1,049
Shaw, Melanie	49,835	0	23	50,358
Shea, Brian	74,892	0	2,800	81,384
Sheehan, Janice L.	92,936	0	3,029	95,966
Sheehan, Kelleigh	70	0	0.00	70

Sheridan, Pamela	34,367	0	0.00	34,367
Simmons, Susan	12,566	0	420	12,986
Simpson III, James	320	0	0.00	320
Skarbek, Edward	68,442	0	0.00	69,658
Skarbek, Edward	1,750	0	0.00	1,750
Smith, Brenda	3,133	0	950	4,083
Smith, Brenda	10,875	0	2,367	13,242
Smith, Brian	15,406	0	35	15,441
Smith, Brian	770	0	0	770
Smith, Christine	13,939	0	21	13,960
Smith, Jennifer	70	0	0	70
Smith, Jessica	45,601	0	0	45,601
Smith, Michelle	17,798	0	0	17,798
Smith, Nancy	40,073	0	0	40,073
Smith, Richard	46,988	2,003	1,596	50,587
Smith-Taylor, Deborah E	73,368	0	210	75,606
Snyder, Anne	3,313	0	0	3,313
Snyder, Anne	5,300	0	0	5,300
Somers, Steve	160	0	0	160
Sommers, Claudia	17,209	0	650	17,860
Souza, Adam	350	0	0	350
Souza, Carol	4,970	0	2,800	7,770
Stanish, Paul	102,858	0	2,050	104,907
Stewart, Catherine	11,620	0	0	11,620
Stuart, Paula	8,245	0	450	8,695
Sullivan, Kathleen	48,214	0	665	48,879
Sullivan, Susan	16,809	0	419	17,228
Sutnick, Michael	65,883	0	1,243	67,125
Swiatek, Amanda	14,744	0	661	15,405
Tait, Janet	26,695	0	600	27,295
Taylor, Philip	49,418	748	3,484	54,812
Thibault, Deirdre	3,150	0	0	3,150
Thompson, Cheryl	69,049	0	175	71,164
Thompson, Kristen	400	0	0	400
Tolan, Peter	48,148	1,390	5,239	56,221
Toohey, Liam	43,173	360	2,701	46,288
Trapeno, Beverly	19,441	0	572	19,830
Trudeau, Cheryl	14,263	0	499	14,763
Tufts, Suzanne	15,909	0	6,304	22,213
Tully, Gwen	77,006	0	0	77,006
Tweed, Allan	4,238	0	0	4,238
Van Essendelft, Debra	20,528	0	3,395	23,923

Van Essendelft, Debra	4,964	0	0	4,964
Veiga, Mary M.	41,447	0	0	41,063
Victor, Paul	47,338	2,557	830	50,725
Vlachos, Donna	54,153	0	0	54,153
Wagner, Margaret	57,950	0	0	57,950
Wainwright, Colleen	1,041	0	0	1,041
Walsh, Alyssa	6,792	0	0	6,792
Walsh, Kristen	44,083	0	350	44,433
Walsh, Michael	1,106	0	0	1,106
Walsh, Michael	17,275	0	700	17,975
Walsh, Michael	29,478	1,268	663	31,854
Walsh, Theresa	52,897	0	0	52,897
Wasserman, Jay	35,602	0	0	35,602
Watanabe, Gloria	9,482	0	0	9,482
Watkins, Sarah	34,898	0	0	44,194
Watson, Judith	2,613	0	0	2,613
Watson, Judith	1,195	0	0	1,195
Webb, Jessica	420	0	0	420
Weeks, Doris	24,023	0	0	24,023
Weiner, Beth	9,356	0	0	9,356
Welch, Allison	11,926	0	2,140	14,066
Welch, Teala	16,487	0	471	16,397
Wells, Kathleen	12,249	0	370	12,554
Wells, Mary	74,506	0	0	74,506
Wells, Susan	140	0	0	140
Wells, Timothy	81,000	0	2,416	83,416
Whelan, Lisa	59,918	0	0	59,518
White, Lawrence	67,633	0	0	67,633
White, Richard	673	0	0	672
Whiting, Joann	17,360	0	1,880	19,240
Whiting, Linda	268	0	0	268
Wilcox, Lynne	9,237	0	450	9,687
Williams, Valimore	980	0	0	980
Willock, Dolores M	630	0	0	630
Winsor, Kim	15,909	0	1,668	17,577
Wood, Crisley	840	0	0	840
Woodward, Amy	69,224	0	0	69,716
Woodward, Mary E	43,035	0	4,475	47,510
Woodward, Warren	7,316	95	2,422	10,878
Woodward, Warren	3,944	0	783	4,727
Woodward, Warren	1,250	0	628	2,242
Worden, Pamela	71,089	0	0	71,089

Wyman, Elizabeth	23,815	0	0	23,815
Yoffe, Rachel	45,324	0	0	45,324
GRAND TOTAL				17,361,310

TOWN COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Rockland:

I, Judith A. Hartigan, Town Collector, hereby submit the Annual Report from the Town Collector's Office for the fiscal year 2009 for taxes and fees collected and turned over to the Treasurer from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Current and Prior Years

Real Estate	20,042,354.31
Personal Property	485,089.38
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,965,119.27
Sewer Betterment	3,669.93
Commitment on Betterment	1,288.45
Trash Liens	104,608.84
Sewer Liens	126,588.68
Sewer Paid in Advance	468.00
Municipal Lien Certificates	28,725.00
Release of Betterment	28.00
Fees and Interest	133,411.25
Registry Clears	29,040.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	9,360.51
Space Tax	68,256.00
Water Service Receipts	2,526,996.67
Joint Water Service Receipts	84,670.30
Sewer Service Receipts	1,561,189.00
Trash Collection Fees	1,191,463.20
Over/Short	56.70

TOTAL COLLECTIONS:	28,362,383.49
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I wish to thank my staff: Assistant Town Collector, Jill Stewart and Administrative Assistant Eileen Connolly for their hard work and dedication this year. As well, my sincere thanks to all Town Departments for their assistance and cooperation in fiscal year 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Hartigan
Town Collector



BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit our report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009

Amounts required to be raised:

Appropriations at Town Meeting	\$43,535,430.07
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Tax Title Expenses	\$ 45,000.00
Court Judgments	\$ 32,000.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$ 41,899.00
Teachers Pay Deferral	\$ 160,000.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	\$ 222,306.50
Other	\$ 9,462.00
State & County Charges	\$ 2,237,359.00

Allowance for abatements & Exemptions (overlay)	<u>\$ 506,560.04</u>
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Total Amount to be Raised:	\$ 46,790,016.61
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Local Receipts Not Allocated
(estimates based upon prior year)

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excises	\$ 1,676,392.47
Hotel/Motel Room Taxes	\$ 266,364.00
Penalties & Interest on Tax	\$ 147,750.17
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 71,505.93
Water	\$ 2,247,515.35
Sewer	\$ 1,960,033.00
Trash	\$ 1,192,475.45
Misc. Fees	\$ 248,498.62
Licenses & Permits	\$ 457,502.41
Fines	\$ 38,966.16
Investment Income	\$ 188,297.95
Schools	\$ 259,364.03
Other	\$ 565,921.95
Misc. Non Recurring	<u>\$ 1,260,630.32</u>

FY 2009 Total of Estimated Local Receipts: (Based on FY 2008 Actuals)	\$ 10,581,217.81
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Estimated Receipts & Available Funds

Total Estimated Receipts from State	\$ 14,228,236.00
Estimated Receipts (Local)	\$ 10,581,217.81
Free Cash	\$ 275,620.31
Other Available Funds	<u>\$ 1,140,252.00</u>

TOTAL:	\$ 26,225,326.12
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RECAPITULATION SHEET

Gross Amount to be Raised	\$ 46,790,016.61
Estimated Receipts & Available	<u>\$ 26,225,326.12</u>
Net Amount to be Raised by Property Tax	\$ 20,564,690.49
Real Property Valuations	\$ 1,876,106,390.00
Personal Property Valuations	<u>\$ 45,827,300.00</u>
Total Property Valuation	\$ 1,921,933,690.00
Tax Rate per Thousand	\$ 10.70
Real Property Tax	\$ 20,074,388.38
Personal Property Tax	<u>\$ 490,352.11</u>
Total Taxes Levied	\$ 20,564,690.49
Total of Additional Taxes Levied on Property	
Sewer Assessments added to tax bills	
Principal(Apportionment Betterments)	\$ 3,754.99
Interest (Apportionment Betterments)	\$ 1,340.61
Unpaid Sewer Usage Liens	\$ 146,079.93
Trash Liens	<u>\$ 105,114.22</u>
Total Additional Taxes	\$ 256,289.75

The Board of Assessors wishes to express our sincere thanks to the Town Officials and taxpayers for their cooperation throughout the challenging transition period this office has faced throughout this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Robson, Chairman
 Jeffery S. Reale
 Heidi S. Hosmer



Photograph by David Murphy

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2009 Report to the Town: The Selectmen would like to congratulate Lawrence J. Chaffee on his re-election to the Board of Selectmen and welcome him back for his eighth 3 year term. The Board would also like to express its condolences to the family of Catherine Young. Former selectman Young was the first women selectman in Rockland history and served the Town for 12 years from 1976 to 1988.

The Town faced many changes and challenges during 2009 including changing personnel and unusual fiscal challenges. The first half of the year primarily saw numerous fiscal challenges. The second half of the year was focused on the passage of the school project to renovate the high school and replace the middle school.

In January, Rockland discovered it had under assessed its anticipated property tax revenues by approximately \$637,000. In March, at a Special Town Meeting, 500 voters unanimously approved the filing of a home rule petition with the Massachusetts Legislature. The Legislature and Governor approved a supplemental tax bill petition with the passage of Act 13 of 2009 in May.

Fire Chief Michael Sammon retired and Deputy Fire Chief William Ferguson was appointed as Interim Fire Chief. The Board of Selectmen would like to thank Chief Sammon for his years of dedicated service to Rockland.

In February the entire community mourned the loss of Specialist Matthew Pollini who died in Iraq. Matt was the second Rockland serviceman in 20 months to lose their life in the War Against Terrorism. The Board of Selectmen would like to thank all the businesses and residents who came together in giving Matthew a proper hero's farewell. Walter O'Haire and Matthew Pollini will forever be with Rockland in our minds, hearts & souls.

Rockland also faced late term local aid cuts as a result of the Legislature giving the Governor 9C authority to reduce local aid funding to communities, which for Rockland meant a reduction of \$320,000. The national economy and reductions in anticipated revenues by the State, forced the State to lower the promised payments to cities and towns. Late year cuts were made with the cooperation of many departments and we avoided late fiscal year lay-offs.

In March the long anticipated payment from LNR of over \$1.2 million also fell victim to the economy. Rockland would not be receiving the promised payment for development plans at the former Naval Air Station.

In April the voters elected a new Town Collector Judith Hartigan and new Assessor Jeffrey Reale. As budget preparations were being prepared for Town Meeting, Rockland was faced with the possible closure of the Jefferson Elementary School, the Rockland Public Library, the zero funding and possible end of the Park Department, Council on Aging, Youth Commission and reductions in other departments of personnel and services due to projected local aid reductions and revenue shortfalls. The Board of Selectmen voted to place four override questions to the voters.

In May the voters at Town Meeting approved 2 budgets, one if the override questions did not pass and a second if the override questions did pass. On May 30 the voters overwhelmingly passed all four override questions. The passage of the override resulted in Rockland moving from third lowest average single family tax bill in Plymouth County to sixth lowest of 27 communities. The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank the voters for their support in maintaining services in Rockland.

During the summer the Board of Selectmen voted to return part time Town Accountant Eric Hart to the accountant's position full time, he had been serving part time after accepting a position out of town. The Board of Selectmen also chose to appoint Robert DiPoli as Rockland Fire Chief and looks forward to his experienced hand in the operation of the Fire Department. The Board would like to thank Interim Fire Chief William Ferguson for his coverage during the vacancy.

During the fall the focus was on a gaining public approval to build a new middle school and high school. The Great Schools, Great Town Committee worked hard to pass a debt exclusion ballot question at a Special Town Meeting and local election. The Town will receive 64.2 percent reimbursement through the School Building Authority.

Business development was also a priority of the Board of Selectmen and we were pleased Rockland was a featured article titled "The Revitalization of Rockland" in the Plymouth County Business Review. The Selectmen also received an award from the South Shore Chamber of Commerce for promoting economic development. At the Board of Selectmen's recommendation, Town Meeting passed a tax incentive financing package for AirXchange a company seeking to double in size hopefully providing future employment to many Rockland

residents. Rockland also received a one million dollar grant for sidewalk and handicap improvements in the downtown Union Street area.

2009 was an eventful year for Rockland and the Board of Selectmen hopes to continue building on the year's foundations and keep Rockland moving forward.

Last but not least, the Board of Selectmen would like to thank all the Town employees, Town Counsel John Clifford, Town Administrator Allan Chiocca and our Executive Assistant Mary Stewart for their hard work and dedication throughout 2009. A special thank you to the residents of Rockland who voted for the overrides and our schools to keep Rockland a community to be proud of.

Respectfully Submitted,

James F. Simpson, *Chairman*
Lawrence J. Chaffee, *Vice Chairman*

Selectmen

Michael E. Zupkofska
Michael P. Johnson
Deborah A. O'Brien

2009 ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF HEALTH

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

It is with pleasure that we submit the 2009 Annual Report of the Rockland Board of Health.

At the Annual Town Election in April, Stephen Nelson was re-elected to the Board.

Over the past year, the Board and the Health Agent have continued active participation in the Plymouth County Region 5 Emergency Preparedness Coalition. This group provides support and direction in planning for emergencies which may affect the public health of its member communities. The group also provides the Town with equipment and training opportunities needed to respond to public health and safety emergencies. The various emergency response plans are continually reviewed and updated. Over the next year, the Board of Health and the local emergency management team will be working to recruit and train volunteers to assist in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

The year 2009 brought the threat of H1N1 Flu virus, commonly known as Swine Flu. This strain of flu virus had a dramatic impact on children and young adults. Vaccination clinics were delayed due to lack of a vaccine. However, by November vaccine finally available and we were able to hold two clinics. All costs incurred for supplies and Vaccine Administrators were covered by funds from the Emergency Preparedness Grants. There was no impact on Town funds. The Board would like to express its deepest gratitude to the Rockland Public Schools Nursing staff for volunteering their time at the clinics to assist.

Although the threat from mosquito-borne disease remains a concern throughout the State, Rockland was spared a heightened risk of exposure this year. None of the testing pools were positive to infected mosquitoes. It was not necessary to close any fields in the town. Residents should still take the necessary precautions to reduce exposure to mosquitoes.

The Board continues to work with various vendors in furthering its recycling outreach programs. The South Shore Recycling Cooperative is continually providing its member towns with diverse recycling opportunities.

Initial site work continues at the Pleasant Street/VFW Drive landfill property. Camp, Dresser and McKee has filed the necessary paperwork with the Conservation Commission as work on the site over the next year will be within the 100 ft. buffer zone. More invasive site work will begin during the upcoming calendar year.

Solid waste and recycling tonnages remained stable with no significant changes. DEP continues to aggressively check trash loads for unacceptable quantities of recyclable materials. It has also begun to increase its inspections of transfer stations and closed landfills. Failure to comply with regulations could result in fines being assessed.

During the year, 212 complaints were addressed, 230 routine inspections were performed for food service establishments, additional inspections were performed on housing units, swimming pools, schools and mobile vendors. Emergency response services were provided at the requests of the police and fire departments.

As is customary, the Board extends its sincere thanks and gratitude to all departments for their cooperation with specific thanks to Deputy Fire Chief Bill Ferguson, Peter Ewell and his staff at the Park Department, Bob Corvi and his staff at the Highway Department, and Sewer Superintendent John Loughlin for their additional assistance and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Halliday, Chairperson
Victoria Deibel, Vice Chairperson
Stephen B. Nelson, Member
Janice R. W. McCarthy, Health Agent
J. Patricia Donnelly, Administrative Assistant

SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) is a voluntary association of thirteen South Shore towns. It was established by Intermunicipal Agreement and Special Legislation in 1998 to help member towns improve their recycling programs, and reduce the amount, toxicity and cost of disposal.

Members of the SSRC are: **Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Kingston, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman**. From January through June, **Holbrook, Hull** and **Marshfield** were also members. Budget issues caused their withdrawal in FY10. Representatives from each member town are appointed by Chief Elected Official(s) (*list attached*).

Since its inception eleven years ago, disposed tons of trash-per-household has dropped by 27%, and the recycling rate for paper, cardboard, bottles and cans has risen by 38%.

In 2009, the SSRC raised **\$58,500** through municipal member dues, and **\$10,000** in outreach sponsorships from Covanta SEMASS. It also netted **\$995** from its second **Earth Day Celebration** at the Hanover Mall. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and for waste reduction and recycling activities that benefit our member towns. The SSRC estimates that in 2009 these activities **saved /earned Member Towns over \$160,000**.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

The SSRC contract for the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste with **Clean Harbors** is in its last extension. Member Towns avoided a setup fee and paid less than State contract rates, **saving our towns about \$30,000**. They also saved staff time to bid, schedule and publicize collections. The Executive Director assists at most events, and administers the billing.

2,081 residents attended **thirteen collections** held in 2009. The contract also enabled **103 residents and businesses** to attend other Member Towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**.

Construction and Bulky Waste

Through an arrangement facilitated by the SSRC with the **Bourne ISWMF**, Member Towns enjoyed a reduced tip fee of \$75-79/ton for **construction and bulky waste, \$12.50/ton less than the gate fee**.

Cohasset, Hanover, Kingston and Scituate save on mattress recycling by using an SSRC arranged program with Miller Recycling in Plainville to store, transport and process mattresses for \$14/each.

Collectively, these arrangements resulted in about **\$30,000** in savings.

Compost and Brush

The SSRC extended the contract for **compost screening** with Lion's Head Organics with no pricing increase. A new brush grinding contract was awarded to Apple D'or Tree, with reduced pricing.

Paper

The SSRC facilitated the siting of dozens of Abitibi Paper Retriever bins in all our towns. In 2009, they captured **907 tons** of paper, and returned over **\$6,000** to municipalities and local organizations.

Textiles

The SSRC introduced Bay State Textiles, which pays \$50/ton for used clothing and textiles, to the managers. In 2008, eight towns recycled **280 tons** of material through them, and were paid **\$14,017**.

Books

The SSRC introduced GotBooks, which pays \$100/ton for used books and other media, to SSRC members. In 2009, thirteen SSRC towns repurposed 260 tons of material, earning **\$87,717**.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Mass Recycles Paper

This statewide Campaign grew out of a 2006 SSRC pilot project. It is run by MassRecycle, and chaired by the SSRC Executive Director. The goal is to recover an additional million tons of paper each year from the Mass. trash. The Campaign has broad support from MassDEP, Covanta Energy and the recycling industry.

Mass Recycles Paper ads were placed on 300 Red Line trains for the summer. SSRC communities stand to gain about \$400K/year in avoided disposal cost and revenue from the sale of waste paper.

Press Contacts

The SSRC releases articles and is a resource to the local press on waste reduction, recycling, and the proper disposal of hazardous waste.

11/09 **"Less trash adds up to more cash"**, by Matt Carroll, Globe South Weekly (Executive Director interviewed and quoted)

9/09 **South Shore support swells for Updated Bottle Bill**

7/09 **SSRC towns fare well in Waste Ban Inspection Sweep more**

7/09 **SSRC towns fare well in Waste Ban Inspection Sweep**

3/09 **Celebrate Earth Day at the Hanover Mall**

Resident Contacts

The Executive Director fielded **over 100 calls and emails** from Member Towns' residents in CY09 to answer questions, mostly about hazardous and difficult to manage product disposal.

Website

ssrcoop.info provides town-specific recycling information, household hazardous product collection information, SSRC meeting minutes and annual reports, press releases, a quarterly newsletter, and links to other sites. It was overhauled this past fall, and logged 3,394 visitors in 2009.

Marshfield Fair Recycling

With assistance from MassDEP, the SSRC supported **recycling at the Marshfield Fair** for the sixth year. While public education was the priority, seven tons of material was also recycled and composted.

The SSRC loans **recycling containers** from a previous grant for use at local events. In 2009, Hanover Youth Athletic Ass'n softball, and the Island Creek Oyster Fest in Duxbury used them.

ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND NETWORKING.

The Executive Director's help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers. She maintains regular contact with them, updates them on current trends, and advises on specific needs each town has.

A sample of the assistance she provided and problems she helped solve in 2009 included:

- collaborated with the Cape Cod Commission's Solid Waste Advisory Committee's alternatives analysis of **Covanta SEMASS'** extension proposal for our four **Tier One** towns
- attended committee meetings in **Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Plymouth and Weymouth**
- facilitated discussion between Cohasset and Hull about a shared recycling facility
- presented waste management options and analysis to Kingston BOS
- **flagged \$80,000 in expiring MTC grants** in time for several members to access
- collected, evaluated and shared **recycling and disposal cost, tonnage and hauler permit data**
- compiled and distributed of a ten page **directory of service providers**.

Paper pricing

The SSRC subscribes to **Official Board Markets** on which most towns' paper rebates are based, calculates rebates that should be paid by their recyclers, and updates the managers each month.

Quarterly Newsletter

The SSRC publishes a quarterly newsletter filled with information of immediate interest to the South Shore solid waste community. The newsletter is posted online at ssrcoop.info, click on Newsletters.

Monthly Meetings

The SSRC provides **networking opportunities** and information sharing at our well-attended monthly meetings. Each meeting features a guest speaker. Solid waste collection, disposal, recycling service, outreach, pricing and proposed laws and regulations are discussed.

ADVOCACY

The Executive Director attends policy meetings and conferences hosted by MassDEP, Solid Waste Association of North America, Council of SEMASS Communities, MassRecycle, and the Northeast Resource Recovery Association. She acts as a liaison between the Board and the State organizations..

The SSRC held a **Recognition Breakfast** in May at which **Governor Deval Patrick and DEP's Ann McGovern** received our "Recycling Hero" award.

The SSRC distributed a resolution to **Update the Bottle Bill**, which most of our members' Chief Elected Officials signed and sent to their legislators. The Executive Director met with several legislators about this, and testified at the first hearing.

The SSRC exists to assist its member towns in improving their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

Respectfully submitted,



Claire Sullivan, Executive Director, South Shore Recycling Cooperative

South Shore Recycling Cooperative Board of Directors 2009

TOWN	FIRST	LAST	C/O	POSITION
Abington	Susan	Brennan	BOH	Commissioner
	Michelle	Roberts	BOH	Agent
Cohasset	Merle	Brown		SSRC Chairman
	Arthur	Lehr		Community Advisor
Duxbury	Peter	Buttkus	DPW	Director
	Ed	Vickers	DPW	Assistant Director
Hanover	Victor	Diniak	DPW	Superintendent
	Steven	Herrmann	DPW	Foreman; SSRC Vice Chairman
Hanson	Deborah	Brownell	Recycling Com	Appointee
	Joseph	Pelligra	BOH	Elected member
Hingham	Randy	Sylvester	DPW	Acting Director
	Stephen	Messinger	Foreman	
Holbrook	<i>Kenneth</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>DPW</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>
	<i>open</i>			
Hull	<i>Nancy</i>	<i>Kramer</i>		<i>volunteer</i>
	<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Stigliani</i>	<i>DPW</i>	<i>Superintendent</i>
Kingston	Paul	Basler	Streets, Trees & Parks	Superintendent
	Douglas	Buitenhuys		Appointee
Marshfield	<i>Robert</i>	<i>Griffin</i>	<i>Recycling Com</i>	<i>SSRC Secretary</i>
	<i>Deborah</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>DPW</i>	<i>SW/ Recycling Enforcement Officer</i>
	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Tomkavage**</i>	<i>DPW</i>	<i>Project Manager</i>
				Chairman; SSRC Treasurer
Norwell	Joanne	Dirk	Recycling Com	Appointee
	Norman	Thoms	Recycling Com	Appointee
Plymouth	Arthur	Douylliez	DPW	Maintenance Supt.
	Kerin	McCall	Parks Dept.	Recycling Coordinator
Rockland	Rudy	Childs		Appointee
	Stephen	Nelson	BOH	Commissioner
	Victoria	Diebel**	BOH	Commissioner
	Janice	McCarthy**	BOH	Agent
Scituate	Albert	Bangert	DPW	Director
	Kevin	Cafferty	DPW	Asst. Director
Weymouth	Robert	O'Connor	DPW	Director
	Kathleen	McDonald	DPW	Principal Clerk
Whitman	Elonie	Bezanson	DPW	Manager
	Eric	Badger	BOH	Health Inspector

*Italics indicate member-ship through June ** alternate*

COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Rockland:

The Council on Aging is a focal point for the provision of services to the senior community. It is our purpose to initiate, coordinate, facilitate, and/or provide services to enhance the lives of the older residents. All our programs are offered Monday through Friday in the Senior Center located in the Community Center building. A monthly newsletter goes out to the seniors to inform them of services and programs.

We continue our collaboration with Old Colony Planning Council, Old Colony Elderly Services and The Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Our Council Board consists of eleven members who are most supportive of our center's activities and events. Members of the Board serve as delegates to Old Colony Elderly Services and Old Colony Planning Council. Our council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

There are many services and social programs offered. Services offered at the center include, hearing screenings, notary, blood pressure screenings, chair massage, Shine, (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) fuel and food stamp applications, (seniors and non-seniors) information and referrals, legal services, library book delivery to homebound seniors, and podiatry appointments. Classes in exercise, chair yoga, ceramics, water color, and cartooning are scheduled on a regular basis. We have many social events, which include; ice cream socials, root beer float day, dessert social and seasonal parties. Birthday celebrations are held each month supported by South Shore Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center. Our Bereavement group is held on the last Monday of each month and our Caregiver's group is held the second Tuesday of each month. In collaboration with the Youth Commission Tot Enrichment Program, we have a group of senior volunteers who read to the young children. Seniors and the children, both benefit by this Intergenerational Program.

We receive a Formula Grant from The Executive Office of Elders Affairs in the amount of \$20,706. This grant funds the position for our Outreach Coordinator, Eleanor Murphy; helps defray the cost of our newsletter mailings, volunteer recognition luncheon, supplies for our office, and Outreach mailings. Angela Keller is our Senior Aide; funded by Senior Community Service Employment Program. Our van driver, Liza Landy, transported 2,081 seniors to various medical appointments and activities. The van service is provided three (3) days a week and is funded solely through donations.

The Friends of the Rockland Seniors and the Golden Agers hold their monthly meetings here in the Senior Center. Both groups are very supportive of our programs, and activities. Their donations help with funding for some of our programs.

North River School Culinary Arts Program continues to prepare our Meals on Wheels and our daily congregate lunches. This past year 11,277 meals were cooked here on site. Thank you, North River School Staff, and Students for your dedication and hard work preparing these meals. We have a caring dedicated group of volunteers who deliver meals to our homebound seniors. They deliver the meals in extreme weather conditions;

rain, snow, sleet, ice, and the heat of the summer. We cannot thank this group of volunteers enough. Both the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Eagles #841 presented the Meals on Wheels program checks for \$3,000, The Ladies Auxiliary VFW #1788 \$705, One Stop Shop Market \$210, Kiwanis \$200, and The Chamber of Commerce \$100, to help defray the cost of those unable to pay for their meals. I wish to thank the organizations for their generosity, caring and support of our Senior Citizens.

A sincere thank you to all who donate towards our Van service, Meals on Wheels program, office supplies, coffee supplies, medical equipment for our loan closet, postage expense, books for our library, yarn, items for our gift shop, knitted items for neonatal units for area hospitals and Boston, hats for chemotherapy patients, and table decorations for our Senior Lunchroom. Thank you to the Harvest-Fest Committee for their hard work and dedication to help raise funds for the center and Empire Realty for the use of their facility for the fundraiser. Thank you to all our volunteers who give so much of their time.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret A. Bryan, Director



The Fraternal Order of Eagles has adopted this area to help beautify the entrance to Rockland

PLANNING BOARD

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town Of Rockland

The members of the Planning Board continue our duties to review and assure that any project submitted to the board is held to the highest standards of the town. The Planning Board reviews various projects that ultimately need to conform to the Rockland Zoning Bylaws, Planning Rules and Regulation, and Massachusetts State Laws. Within the last two years the Planning Board has experienced significant changes with four new members being elected and the appointment of a new associate position. Due to the recent slowing economy the planning board has seen fewer new commercial buildings or subdivisions being proposed. This slower time has given the Planning Board time to review and amend our by-laws and rules and regulations. Also we are trying new and different ways to work with developers, while keeping the best interest of the townspeople in mind.

The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals have undertaken a new idea of the permitting process. In 2007, the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies, published a guide for “A Best Practices Model for Streamlining Local Permitting” in which they recommend several way to make the permitting process simpler. By employing some of the recommended ideas, the Town of Rockland increases its eligibility for state and Federal grants. The Planning and Zoning Boards have combined resources and are currently utilizing the idea of joint public meetings. Essentially, any project that requires Planning or Zoning Board approvals will be heard in front of both boards. This new process has increased communication between other Town departments and boards, and has fostered positive relationships with all members involved in land permitting.

In November, the Planning Board went live on the Town of Rockland website with all of the contact information, fee schedule, rules and regulations, and applications. This will make it easier for any resident or developer to get the necessary information needed for projects quickly. Please visit the Planning Board section of the Town Website. We would like to thank Sterling Smith for all of his insight and work on getting the Planning Board up and running on the Town Website.

During the past year the Board has reviewed and approved several projects. Some of the major projects were the Cambria Suites Hotel on Hingham Street, AirXchange expansion on Longwater Drive and the Beechtree subdivision off of Hatherly Road. The Board also submitted several bylaw changes to Town Meeting. The largest by-law addition was the “Wind Energy Facility” by-law, which will regulate and outline the minimum requirements for a wind energy facility. This by-law was composed, reviewed and recommended with the help of the Energy Committee and the Zoning Board.

We would like to thank our Town Engineer, Patrick Brennan from Amory Engineers, for his engineering expertise and guidance on all of the projects the Board reviews. We would like to thank our Land-Use Counsel, John Goldrosen of Kopleman and Paige, for his legal knowledge of land-use and professional legal aid. We would like to thank all of the Town departments and boards for working effectively and cooperatively with the Planning Board. We would like to thank our secretary, Marlys Bradford, for her hard

work and support. Finally, we would like to thank the residents of Rockland for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas J. Henderson, Elected Chairman
Robert Mahoney, Elected Vice-Chairman
Michael Corbett, Elected Clerk
Robert Rice, Elected Member
Donald Cann, Elected Member
John Lucas, Associate Member

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Rockland:

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit report as the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2009. The report includes the Town of Rockland's Financial Statements and the Budget Summary Schedule. I would like to thank the Town Administrator Allan Chiocca and the members of the Board of Selectmen that supported me. I would also like to thank all the department heads, the Assistant Town Accountant Diane McClure, and the Administrative Assistant Teresa Dow for all their patience and cooperation. I am very happy returning to Rockland full time, and am excited to move forward with the IT Committee and the investments in our School System. Your investment in your Town through the override and School construction votes will return through property value increases and your children's future.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric A. Hart
Town Accountant

TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2009

	<u>Primary Governmental Activities/Totals</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and investments	\$ 7,980,676
Receivables	5,457,371
Capital Assets, net accumulated depreciation	40,118,271
Total Assets	<u>\$ 53,556,318</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts payable, accrued wages and other current liabilities	\$ 2,118,920
Provision for refund of paid taxes	621,018
Notes payable	950,000
Accrued interest payable	99,694
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	491,522
Due in more than one year	13,129,436
Total liabilities	<u>17,410,590</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	34,399,767
Restricted	7,647,311
Unrestricted	(5,901,350)
Total net assets	<u>36,145,728</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 53,556,318</u>

TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets</u>
<u>Primary government</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	
	<u>Expenses</u>			<u>Primary Governmental Activities/Totals</u>
Governmental activities	\$ 16,868,326	\$ 321,998	\$ -	\$ (11,405,357)
General government	6,664,782	1,379,470	-	(4,968,286)
Public safety	23,890,918	1,836,777	33,864	(9,139,737)
Education	8,035,684	6,087,003	331,534	(1,540,536)
Public works	1,576,443	1,327,581	-	(207,716)
Human services	936,608	251,368	-	(651,310)
Culture and recreation	211,570	33,930	-	(211,570)
Interest and other charges	2,210,689			(2,210,689)
State and county charges				
Total governmental activities	\$ 60,395,020	\$ 11,204,197	\$ 365,398	(30,335,201)
General revenues:				
Property taxes, net of allowances for uncollectibles				20,856,266
Excise taxes				1,599,566
Penalties and interest				146,698
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				3,268,227
Investment income				169,594
Departmental and other				2,628
Total general revenues				26,042,979
Change in net assets				(4,292,222)
Net assets - beginning				40,437,950
Net assets - ending				\$ 36,145,728

TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2009

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Capital Project Water Building	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Cash and investments	\$ 994,201	\$ 1,301,776	\$ 3,138,118	\$ 510,392	\$ 2,036,189	\$ 7,980,676
Receivables	3,757,251	309,465	393,011		759,064	5,218,791
Total assets	<u>#####</u>	<u>\$ 1,611,241</u>	<u>\$ 3,531,129</u>	<u>\$ 510,392</u>	<u>\$ 2,795,253</u>	<u>\$ 13,199,467</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Accounts payable, accrued wages and other current liabilities	#####	\$ 130,761	\$ 222,231	\$ 659	\$ 319,931	\$ 2,118,920
Provision for refund of paid taxes	621,018				-	621,018
Notes payable				950,000		950,000
Deferred revenue	2,945,309	186,018	341,604		699,821	4,172,752
Total liabilities	<u>5,011,665</u>	<u>316,779</u>	<u>563,835</u>	<u>950,659</u>	<u>1,019,752</u>	<u>7,862,690</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>						
Fund balances:						
Reserved for:						
Encumbrances and continued appropriations	161,089	564,489	675,098			1,400,676
Unreserved	(421,302)	729,973	2,292,196	(440,267)		2,160,600
Unreserved, reported in non-major:						
Special revenue funds					1,466,555	1,466,555
Capital projects funds					217,491	217,491
Permanent funds					91,455	91,455
Total fund balances	<u>(260,213)</u>	<u>1,294,462</u>	<u>2,967,294</u>	<u>(440,267)</u>	<u>1,775,501</u>	<u>5,336,777</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>#####</u>	<u>\$ 1,611,241</u>	<u>\$ 3,531,129</u>	<u>\$ 510,392</u>	<u>\$ 2,795,253</u>	<u>\$ 13,199,467</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:						
Total fund balances of governmental funds						\$ 5,336,777
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in funds.						40,118,271
The cost of the assets is \$87,452,310, net of accumulated depreciation of \$47,334,039.						
Accounts receivable are not available to pay current-period expenditures and are deferred in funds, plus other accruals, net of uncollectibles.						4,411,332
Long-term liabilities, including debt, compensated absences and net OPEB obligations are not due and payable in the current period and are not included in funds.						(13,620,958)
Reporting of liabilities on full accrual basis requires accrual of interest on debt.						(99,694)
Net assets of governmental activities						<u>\$ 36,145,728</u>

TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Capital Project Water Building	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Property Taxes	\$ 20,419,888	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,419,888
Excise taxes	1,574,785					1,574,785
Penalties and interest	146,698	11,825	9,712			168,235
Investment earnings	151,061	-	-		18,533	169,594
Departmental fines, fees, and other	2,548,361	3,970,996	2,087,916		2,466,238	11,073,511
Intergovernmental	18,098,684		101,195		4,309,079	22,508,958
Total revenues	42,939,477	3,982,821	2,198,823	-	6,793,850	55,914,971
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	13,011,677				566,340	13,578,017
Public safety	5,961,187				297,209	6,258,396
Education	19,055,532				5,060,839	24,116,371
Public works	1,226,686	3,272,605	2,062,305	440,267	484,547	7,486,410
Human services	1,508,713				41,888	1,550,601
Culture and recreation	562,573				290,322	852,895
State and county charges	2,210,689					2,210,689
Debt service						-
Principal	205,000	155,042	88,805			448,847
Interest and other charges	108,500	75,193	38,405			222,098
Total Expenditures	43,850,557	3,502,840	2,189,515	440,267	6,741,145	56,724,324
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(911,080)	479,981	9,308	(440,267)	52,705	(809,353)
Other financing sources (uses)						
Proceeds from long-term debt					177,933	177,933
Transfers in	176,979	-	-		344,840	521,819
Transfers out	(294,840)	(95,406)	(30,406)		(101,167)	(521,819)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(117,861)	(95,406)	(30,406)	-	421,606	177,933
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(1,028,941)	384,575	(21,098)	(440,267)	474,311	(631,420)
Fund balances - beginning	768,728	909,887	2,988,392		1,301,190	5,968,197
Fund balances - ending	\$ (260,213)	\$ 1,294,462	\$ 2,967,294	\$ (440,267)	\$ 1,775,501	\$ 5,336,777

TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS
Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -
Governmental Funds to Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

Revenues and other financing sources (under)		
expenditures and other financing uses - governmental funds	\$	(631,420)

Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures, however the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense in the Statement of Activities.

Capital outlays during the fiscal year		1,827,840
Depreciation recorded for the fiscal year		(1,919,124)

Revenues are recognized on the modified accrual basis of accounting in the fund financial statements, but are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting in the government-wide financial statements.

Net change in deferred revenue		393,503
Net change in unbilled receivables		(34,711)
Net change in allowance for doubtful accounts		(170,965)

The issuance and repayment of long term debt are recorded as other financing sources or uses in the fund financial statements, but have no effect on net assets in the government-wide financial statements. Also, governmental funds report issuance costs, premiums, discounts and similar expenditures when paid, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized on a government-wide basis.

Principal payments on long term debt		448,847
Issuance of long term debt		(177,931)

The fund financial statements record interest on long term debt when due and revenue from related subsidies when received. The government-wide financial statements report interest on long term debt and revenue on subsidies when incurred.

Accrued interest expense		10,526
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Certain liabilities are not funded through the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements; however, these liabilities are reported in the government-wide financial statements. The net change in these liabilities is reflected as an expense in the Statement of Activities. Changes in liabilities are as follows:

Net OPEB obligation		(3,277,158)
Landfill monitoring cost liability		(578,857)
Compensated absences		(182,772)

Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	(4,292,222)
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TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

Statement of Net Assets - Fiduciary Funds

June 30, 2009

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Accounts
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and investments	\$ 826,408	\$ 61,698
Total assets	<u>\$ 826,408</u>	<u>\$ 61,698</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Due to students and others	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 61,698</u>
Total liabilities	-	61,698
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Held in trust	<u>826,408</u>	
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 826,408</u>	<u>\$ 61,698</u>

TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS
Statement of Changes in Net Assets - Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Private Purpose Trust Funds
Additions	
Contributions	\$ 20,656
Interest and dividends	22,155
Total additions	<u>42,811</u>
Deductions	
Scholarships and awards	79,405
Total deductions	<u>79,405</u>
Change in net assets	(36,594)
Net assets - beginning	<u>863,002</u>
Net assets - ending	<u><u>\$ 826,408</u></u>

Town of Rockland
Schedule Of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal 2009

0010 GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS ADJUSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 294,840.00	\$ -	\$ 294,840.00	\$ 294,840.00	\$ -	100 %
TOTAL SELECTMEN	\$ 173,033.00	\$ 18,172.00	\$ 191,205.05	\$ 176,991.21	\$ 14,213.84	92.6 %
TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$ 36,000.00	\$ (35,000.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	100 %
TOTAL ACCOUNTANT	\$ 165,222.00	\$ (17,696.00)	\$ 147,526.00	\$ 137,324.18	\$ 10,201.82	93.1 %
TOTAL ASSESSORS	\$ 184,538.00	\$ 53,420.00	\$ 237,957.94	\$ 209,851.75	\$ 28,106.19	88.2 %
TOTAL TREASURER	\$ 202,190.00	\$ 24,005.00	\$ 226,194.98	\$ 223,935.21	\$ 2,259.77	99 %
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 111,421.00	\$ 32,115.00	\$ 143,535.91	\$ 116,633.60	\$ 26,902.31	81.3 %
TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 16,314.00	\$ 91,313.50	\$ 79,905.13	\$ 11,408.37	87.5 %
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	\$ 137,245.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 138,345.00	\$ 137,317.33	\$ 1,027.67	99.3 %
TOTAL TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS	\$ 39,500.00	\$ -	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 38,672.10	\$ 827.90	97.9 %
TOTAL REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	\$ 6,880.00	\$ -	\$ 6,880.00	\$ 6,880.00	\$ -	100 %
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -	100 %
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	\$ 5,225.00	\$ -	\$ 5,225.00	\$ 4,682.02	\$ 542.98	89.6 %
TOTAL ZONING BOARD	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 4,526.11	\$ 3,858.00	\$ 668.11	85.2 %
TOTAL TOWN HALL	\$ 64,154.00	\$ 1,423.00	\$ 65,576.56	\$ 60,839.18	\$ 4,737.38	92.8 %
TOTAL TOWN REPORTS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,822.24	\$ 4,177.76	58.2 %
TOTAL AUDIT	\$ 33,698.00	\$ -	\$ 33,698.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 2,698.00	92 %
TOTAL POLICE	\$ 3,148,088.00	\$ (30,000.00)	\$ 3,118,087.72	\$ 3,114,859.61	\$ 3,228.11	99.9 %
TOTAL FIRE	\$ 2,621,119.00	\$ (18,813.00)	\$ 2,602,305.57	\$ 2,601,186.05	\$ 1,119.52	100 %
TOTAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$ 97,248.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 97,338.00	\$ 97,299.72	\$ 38.28	100 %
TOTAL GAS INSPECTOR	\$ 5,695.00	\$ -	\$ 5,695.00	\$ 5,695.00	\$ -	100 %
TOTAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR	\$ 8,958.00	\$ -	\$ 8,958.00	\$ 8,958.00	\$ -	100 %
TOTAL WEIGHTS/MEASURES	\$ 4,658.00	\$ -	\$ 4,658.00	\$ 4,656.36	\$ 1.64	100 %
TOTAL WIRING INSPECTOR	\$ 26,260.00	\$ -	\$ 26,260.00	\$ 25,967.90	\$ 292.10	98.9 %
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 16,700.00	\$ -	\$ 16,700.00	\$ 16,525.53	\$ 174.47	99 %
TOTAL TRAFFIC CONTROL	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 4,846.00	\$ 22,845.83	\$ 14,745.81	\$ 8,100.02	64.5 %
TOTAL TREE DEPARTMENT	\$ 58,279.00	\$ -	\$ 58,279.00	\$ 55,322.33	\$ 2,956.67	94.9 %
TOTAL SCHOOL	\$ 19,332,279.00	\$ (117,979.00)	\$ 19,214,300.00	\$ 19,055,532.07	\$ 158,767.93	99.2 %
TOTAL SNOW/ICE CONTROL	\$ 571,571.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 572,065.82	\$ 551,142.85	\$ 20,922.97	96.3 %
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 616,928.25	\$ (316,928.25)	205.6 %
TOTAL WASTE COLLECTION/DISPOSAL	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 6,906.00	\$ 67,905.73	\$ 58,614.63	\$ 9,291.10	86.3 %
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	\$ 1,208,895.00	\$ (31,942.00)	\$ 1,176,953.13	\$ 1,132,255.42	\$ 44,697.71	96.2 %
TOTAL VISITING NURSE	\$ 113,165.00	\$ (10,604.00)	\$ 102,560.87	\$ 100,246.13	\$ 2,314.74	97.7 %
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	100 %
TOTAL YOUTH COMMISSION	\$ 46,570.00	\$ -	\$ 46,570.00	\$ 45,832.16	\$ 737.84	98.4 %
TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES	\$ 80,418.00	\$ (40,418.00)	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	100 %
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ 162,202.00	\$ 21,125.00	\$ 183,326.59	\$ 182,379.51	\$ 947.08	99.5 %
TOTAL PARK DEPARTMENT	\$ 348,000.00	\$ 31,497.00	\$ 379,496.58	\$ 377,667.30	\$ 1,829.28	99.5 %
TOTAL CELEBRATIONS	\$ 212,303.00	\$ 3,724.00	\$ 216,026.62	\$ 176,034.76	\$ 39,991.86	81.5 %
TOTAL PRINCIPAL ON MATURING DEBT	\$ 9,600.00	\$ -	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 8,870.68	\$ 729.32	92.4 %
TOTAL INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT	\$ 205,000.00	\$ -	\$ 205,000.00	\$ 205,000.00	\$ -	100 %
TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENTS	\$ 108,560.00	\$ -	\$ 108,560.00	\$ 108,500.00	\$ 60.00	99.9 %
TOTAL COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	\$ -	\$ 2,190,611.00	\$ 2,190,611.00	\$ 2,177,563.00	\$ 13,048.00	99.4 %
TOTAL RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 2,223,471.00	\$ 33,126.00	\$ 2,256,597.00	\$ 33,125.60	\$ 0.40	100 %
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,053,052.97	\$ 170,418.03	92.3 %
TOTAL HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 5,216,576.00	\$ (178,545.00)	\$ 5,038,031.20	\$ 4,258,394.30	\$ 4,985.64	84.5 %
TOTAL FICA	\$ 280,680.00	\$ -	\$ 280,680.00	\$ 278,201.25	\$ 2,478.75	99.1 %
TOTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 545,000.00	\$ (54,327.00)	\$ 490,672.92	\$ 484,958.22	\$ 5,714.70	98.8 %
TOTALS	\$ 38,447,541.00	\$ 2,053,771.00	\$ 40,501,308.63	\$ 39,437,981.72	\$ 1,063,326.91	

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Highway Department for the year 2009.

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS

Springtime saw many potholes due to the winter months taking its toll on our roads. During the summer we replaced the cold patch in the potholes with hot top. Repaved Vinton Terrace, Brooks Road, Spring Street and Beech Street.

CATCH BASINS

Damaged catch basins and manholes were rebuilt or repaired. Other catch basins were cleaned of sand and leaves for proper water flow. Repaired drainage on Huggins Road and Blossom Street.

TRAFFIC SIGNS AND STREET MARKINGS

Street lane markings were painted on main roads. Stop lines and crosswalks were also painted. Street signs were installed at the request of the Board of Selectmen and the Police Department.

MISCELLANEOUS

Other projects during the year were the filling of potholes, patching roads and sidewalks, sanding and plowing Town streets, sweeping roadways, repairing and doing preventive maintenance on all trucks and equipment, as well as assisting other departments with equipment and manpower.

At this time, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the residents and other town departments for their cooperation throughout the year. A special thanks to the men and our Administrative Assistant at the Rockland Highway Department for a job well done over the year.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Corvi, Jr.
Highway Superintendent

ROCKLAND CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rockland

The Rockland Cultural Council is pleased to submit the annual report for the year 2009.

Rockland Cultural Council continues to be a “streamlined” council due to the training of our council members. This allows us a quick turn around time for state funds to be granted and no wait period for state approval to begin projects.

Due to the economic climate of fiscal '09 Massachusetts Cultural Council was in a funding crisis with the State. Not until February 09 did we have a clear affirmation that we would receive any monies. Our fiscal allotment was \$7,100.00 which the council creatively and fairly funded as fairly as a total of 16 projects from the requested 30. With full emphasis on Rockland and its citizens, local schools, art associations, the Rockland Memorial Library, museums and senior concerts were among the most prominent recipients of accepted grants.

Monthly meetings are posted in the Town Hall and recorded in the Brockton Enterprise and on cable TV. There are Cultural Survey sheets available at the Office of the Selectmen for citizens to express their ideas and suggestions. All Rockland residents are encouraged to ask questions or perhaps join the Council as a member.

The Council is also proud of the Rita Maher Scholarship designed for Rockland students enrolled full time in an accredited school leading to a degree in the arts. This scholarship is funded primarily from proceeds of note cards found at the Selectmen's Office and from private donations.

The scholarship is open from April to August and forms can be found at the Circulation Desk in the Library and the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall.

We sincerely urge and hope that our residents take advantage of funded programs which have been made possible through Massachusetts Cultural Council monies.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Tetzlaff, Chair
Marcia Adams
Janet Counihan, Recording Secretary
Janet Cann
Adrienne Donovan
Kathleen Folino
Patricia Isaac, Treasurer
Dorothy McCauley
Sheila Togo

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland;

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Building Department for the year 2009.

During the year the Commissioner reviewed and issued 457 Building Permits. The scope of these permits ranged from Detached Single Family Dwellings, Attached Townhouse style Single Family Units, Commercial Office Building, as well as Residential and Commercial Remodeling work.

Building Permit Fees collected totaled \$132,211.91 which reflected a Construction Value of approximately \$13,000,000.00.

Inspections made throughout the year also include Certificates of Compliance issued to establishments such as Schools, Restaurants, Bars, Hotels, Day Care Centers and Multi-Family Structures.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen along with all Town Departments for their continued assistance and to our Administrative Assistant Bette Burrill for her effort in keeping the office running smoothly. Also, many thanks to Charles Pratt for all his help and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thom Ruble
Building Commissioner
Zoning Enforcement Officer

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland;

During 2009 the Sealer of Weights and Measures tested and sealed 13 scales, conducted 132 tests of gasoline and diesel meters, 8 scanning systems, 13 reverse vending machines, 3 cloth measuring devices and 1 wire cordage. All dispensers were sealed. The total amount of fees collected was \$5,070.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ruble
Sealer of Weights & Measures

GAS INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen;

The following is my report of Gas Inspections for the calendar year January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

During this period our office issued 175 Gas Permits for revenue of \$7345.00.

My thanks to all departments who worked with us during 2009. A special thanks to our Administrative Assistant Bette Burrill, for keeping our office a smooth running operation.

Respectfully submitted,

William Stewart
Gas Inspector

WIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland;

In the Year 2009 the Inspectors of Wires issued 398 Electrical Permits. We conducted in excess of 1500 inspections. Wiring Permits fees collected totaled \$34,462.00.

Our thanks to all departments who worked with us during the year 2009. A special thanks to our Administrative Assistant Bette Burrill for her continued patience and support. We look forward to a busy and eventful 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Paul & James Sawaya
Inspector of Wires

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland;

The following is my report of the Plumbing Inspections for the calendar year January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

During this period our office issued 191 Plumbing Permits for revenue of \$11,635.00.

My thanks to all departments who worked with us during the year 2009. A special thanks to our Administrative Assistant, Bette Burrill, for keeping our office a smooth running operation.

Respectfully submitted,

William Stewart
Plumbing Inspector

ROCKLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of the Town of Rockland:

2009 was another eventful year for the Rockland Historical Commission (RHC). As always our efforts are focused on increasing our public visibility in order to further awareness and foster interest in preserving Rockland's historical heritage.

In 2009 our collaboration continued with the Grand Army of The Republic Hall (GAR) at 34 School Street, the Hartsuff Memorial Association and the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (The GAR serves as the headquarters for these organizations as well as the RHC). The year began well, when in February the RHC presented the Hartsuff Association with a check for \$10,000. The grant, secured in late 2008, was ear-marked to repair the roof of the GAR, which had been leaking for decades. The funds came from the Kenneth and Elisabeth Townson Foundation of Rochester, NY. In order to receive the grant, Hartsuff needed to become a 501C-3 registered federal charity organization. The RHC aided Hartsuff in achieving that status, which will certainly help them and to apply-for and accept grants in the future. We are happy to report that the roof-repairs were completed by April of '09.

Over the course of the year, the RHC co-sponsored several other fund-raising (and more-importantly awareness-raising) events at the GAR. The late-summer and fall of '09 saw the beginning of a *History Lecture Series* at the hall. Programs presented included "The Sinking of the Steamship Portland", "The Defenses of Boston Harbor" and more. In addition to being educationally and historically stimulating, each event raised needed funds for RHC and Hartsuff. On November 28th we once again opened the hall for the Holiday Stroll, welcoming dozens of visitors. The event featured re-enactors of the Mass 22nd Regiment and officers of Hartsuff Camp 50, dressed in full Union Army attire. Refreshments including hot-cider were served and enjoyed by the happy strollers. The GAR hall is one of Rockland's most beautiful and important historical assets. As such, the RHC continues its mission to see the hall brought back to its former glory.

Another 2009 venture by the RHC was to create a gallery of early 1900s Rockland photos in the foyer of Aygila restaurant, 323 Union Street (formerly Tuscany). The astonishingly vivid prints depicting Union Street scenes were developed from original glass negatives that are part of the RHC's permanent archives. The RHC extends our thanks to Rockland photographer Stephanie Olsen, who, for no fee, printed and framed the pictures, and also hung them at Aygila. An RHC fundraiser event is being planned for spring of 2010 at Aygila, during which more of the vintage prints will be sold, and/or auctioned.

In late 2009 the RHC began to investigate how Rockland's ancient 1745 House will be impacted by the construction of the new Middle School and High School, as the structure currently sits on school property. Because the house is in an advanced state of decay, needing much in the way of money and work to refurbish it, we have inquired as to the possibility of somehow folding it in to the school rebuilding project. Ideas raised have been to utilize the house as a contractor headquarters, a guard house, a caretaker's quarters, and/or ultimately and ideally a restored museum of important historical significance to the Town. Moving the house has also been suggested. All of these solutions would require a budget. RHC has been made aware that neither State nor Town monies will be forthcoming to aid in resurrecting the 1745 House, inasmuch as it pertains to the school project. Our quest to find a solution will continue in to 2010.

Also in 2010, RHC plans to re-start the gallery at Town Hall which began in 2008 and continued in to '09, displaying items from the RHC's archives. Ideally, we'll change the gallery every few months to display various interesting topics. If anyone concerned has any suggestions or particular interest in what is displayed, please contact the RHC.

As always, the RHC is eager to accept donations of historical items, photos and documents, along with financial contributions to further our mission.

The RHC would like to thank Rockland residents, businesses and civic groups for their support last year. Their continued generosity is greatly appreciated. We welcome interested residents to attend our meetings at Town Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month to ask questions and share resources.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rockland Historical Commission

Jim Paul, Chairman
Peter Dow, Vice-Chairman & Treasurer
Adrienne Donovan, Secretary
Larry Donovan
Dean Sargent
Bill Ferguson
Drew Townson



Photo by Debra DeFranco

Living history: A recent shot of local Sons of Civil War Veterans in full uniform in front of Rockland's historic Grand Army of the Republic Hall, 34 School Street.

ROCKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

2009 Annual Town Report

Official Department Roster

Chief of Police

John R. Llewellyn

Deputy Chief of Police

Barry Ashton (retired)

Gerard Eramo

Operations Lieutenant

Nicholas Zeoli

Administrative Lieutenant

currently unfilled

Sergeants

Wayne Jackson

John Wentworth (ret.)

Rodney Welch

Gregory Pigeon

William Shallies

Detectives

Det. Sgt. John Wentworth

Det. Stephen Sammon

Det. Paul Donnelly

Patrolmen

James Fitzpatrick (ret.)

J. Larry Buie

John O'Connor

Michael Byers

Brian Coakley

Richard Novio

Susan Llewellyn

Ronald Everett (ret.)

Patrick Norton (ret.)

Peter Chernicki

Thomas MacDonald

James F. Simpson, III

Steven Somers

John Hurley

Dennis Donovan (ret.)

Richard Somers

Sean Brundige

Joseph Zielinski

Richard Phelps

Ethan Schnable

James Casper

K-9's

Boyar

Jessica

Animal Control Officer

Patricia Whittemore

E 9-1-1 Dispatchers

Wayne Everett

Kevin Gallagher

Brian McDonald

Thomas Viglas

Executive Assistant

Jeanne Gianatassio

Administrative Assistant

Leanne McGuinness

Custodian
Richard Welch

Permanent Intermittent Office

Kevin Gallagher	Brian McDonald	Brian Murphy
James McLaughlin	Joseph H. Rogers, Jr.	Joseph Esposito, Jr.
Jeffrey A. DiRenzo	John M. Rafferty	John F. Golojuch
Keith Brodeur	David T. Langill	Sean B. O'Connor

School Police Officers

Kevin Gallagher	David Langill	Joseph Rogers
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Auxiliary Police Officers

	Captain Robert Bowles	
Raymond Alongi	Kevin Briggs	Matthew Cooper
Wayne Everett	Martin Foley	Nancy Gilcoine
Timothy Jonah	William Rovelto	Phillip Strazulla
	Thomas Viglas	

Crossing Guards

Cathy Beasley	Kerri Smith	Judith Walling
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Matrons

Nancy Gilcoine	Elizabeth Hall	L'Oren Rogerson
	Jan O'Connor	

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Rockland:

I respectfully submit the Annual Town Report of the activities of your Police Department for the year 2009.

Mission Statement

The Rockland Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of public safety and service to the citizens and business people within the community. The members of the Rockland Police Department are empowered to enforce the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the By-Laws of the Town of Rockland, to ensure that the peace and tranquility of our neighborhoods are maintained and that crime and the fear of crime are reduced. We emphasize and value integrity, honesty, impartiality and professionalism from our members in order to create an environment that values differences and fosters fairness and flexibility in our mission.

Personnel

As of December 31, 2009 the current complement of the Police Department is now down to 26 full time sworn officers. Four years ago the department had 34 full time officers. We are in the process of filling these positions as finances allow. I hope to be close to our prior complement by the end of 2010.

2009 will be known as the year that saw an unprecedented number of retirements from the police department. Officer James "Fitzzy" Fitzpatrick retired in February followed by Officer Ronnie Everett in May. Deputy Chief Barry Ashton retired in October followed in December by Officer Dennis Donovan, Officer Patrick Norton and Detective Sergeant Jack Wentworth. These officers had a combined 188 years of service to the Town of Rockland. Experience is an invaluable asset in police work. Their dedication and commitment to the town will be missed. On behalf of the members, current and retired, we wish them all a long, happy and healthy retirement – they certainly earned it.

Along with these retirements came promotions. Sergeant Nicholas Zeoli was promoted to Operations Lieutenant. Lieutenant Zeoli has been the Department D.A.R.E. Officer for the past 10 years and has had a positive impact on hundreds of children in Rockland. He has already proven himself to be an outstanding police administrator and I look forward to working closely with him. Officer Gerard Eramo was promoted to Deputy Police Chief. Deputy Chief Eramo was the MADD Officer of the year for many consecutive years and subsequently worked in the quasi administrative position of Traffic Enforcement Officer. Deputy Chief Eramo secured a number of grants for traffic enforcement and equipment for the police department. He has also proven himself to be an outstanding administrator and I look forward to working with him.

The Police Department currently has 12 Permanent Intermittent Officers (part time civil service positions.) These Officers fill in for the full time Officers when they are unable to work. The Department also has 19 Auxiliary Police Officers. These Officers assist the regular full time Officers on weekends and with special events. They are an invaluable resource to the town. Special thanks to Robert Bowles who leads the Auxiliary Police Officers.

The Department currently has one part time Animal Control Officer. Patricia Whittemore handled over 300 animal complaints in 2009. She also deals with sick, injured and stray animals on a daily basis. The ACO is authorized to isolate and confine domestic animals suspected of being exposed to rabies. Unfortunately, as a result of budget cuts we no longer have a part time ACO to cover calls for service on the weekends and holidays.

The Police Department handles all 9-1-1 calls for medical, police and fire services. The 9-1-1 staff handled over 6,633 calls during 2009. The 9-1-1 call center is staffed with four full time dispatchers and eight part time individuals. Our Dispatchers do an outstanding job and deserve recognition for a position that is extremely important and when well done is often overlooked.

Our school crossing guards are part-time civilian personnel. Currently there are two permanent crossing guards and one part-time who fills in when a regular crossing guard is unable to cover a post. Each crossing guard plays an essential role in ensuring the

safety of our children. They also serve as an extra set of eyes and ears for the police department and the community. Each crossing guard has proven their dedication to the children and the community and is a great asset to Rockland.

Our custodian, Richard Welch, does an amazing job keeping a very busy building clean. Needless to say, a busy police department can get very dirty at times. Mr. Welch does a great job keeping the building clean and functioning. He also performs many repairs around the station, thereby saving hundreds of dollars in service calls.

Service to the Community

In 2009 the Police Department logged 21,748 calls for service. This is down slightly from approximately 21,974 in 2008. This does not include the thousands of telephone calls for directions, school closings and the requests for general information that the desk officers and the 9-1-1 dispatchers answer. During 2009 the Police Department arrested 526 individuals and placed another 111 into protective custody.

The Rockland Police Department is committed to providing first class service to the residents of the town. To that end, in 2009 the department was involved in the following Community Policing Initiatives:

- D.A.R.E. Drug Abuse Resistance Education
- R.A.D. Rape Aggression Defense Classes for adults and children
- “Click It or Ticket” seat belt enforcement program
- “You Drink, You Drive, You Lose,” and
- “Over the Limit – Under Arrest” enforcement patrols
- Underage alcohol enforcement patrols,
- K-9 program – with cutting edge training for both drug detection, tracking and apprehension programs
- Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council – Regionalized Response Team
- Metropolitan Law Enforcement Mobile Operations Division
- Metropolitan Law Enforcement Computer Crimes Unit
- Free bicycle helmet program
- Applied for and received numerous grants allowing the department to purchase computers, office equipment, cruiser equipment and conduct community policing patrols
- Development and maintenance of a department website
- Rockland Police Special Response Team
- White Ribbon Domestic Violence Awareness Programs
- Participation in a number of drug sweeps at schools outside of Rockland
- Unit demonstrations and participation in numerous private and Town sponsored events

The Rockland Police Department K-9 program has been very successful. Officer Somers and K-9’s Boyar and Jessica have tracked and located a number of dangerous criminals, have successfully located numerous missing persons, and searched for and found large quantities of drugs in both homes and vehicles.

This extremely successful program is funded entirely through private donations and the hard work of Officer Steven Somers.

Acknowledgements

I extend my thanks and appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, our Town Administrator, Alan Chiocca, and the Finance Committee.

Thank you to Robert Corvi and the members of the Highway Department. Mr. Corvi and his crew provide invaluable services to the Police Department and the citizens of Rockland.

I also wish to thank all of the Boards, Committees, Commissions and Departments within the Town. I believe that the spirit of cooperation among departments is at an all time high.

Thank you to the citizens and taxpayers of Rockland for your continued support.

To the men and women of the Rockland Police Department – I thank each and every one of you for your dedication, professionalism and your spirit. You are truly the foundation our department stands upon.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Llewellyn
Chief of Police

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS 2009			
OUI Alcohol	59	No Registration Decal	0
Operating to Endanger	70	Allowing Improper Person to Operate	1
Unregistered M.V.	23	Failure to Display Plates	0
Uninsured M.V.	22	Violation of Learners Permit/Junior License	0
No Inspection Sticker	30	License Restriction-6 months	0
Failure to Yield-Intersection	19	Exhibit Another's License	0
No License in Possession	40	Trespass with motor vehicle	0
Operating after Suspension	62	No Turn Signal	3
Poor Care Starting	2	Leave a M.V. Running Unattended	0
Failure to Obey Pavement Markings	68	Impeded Operation	4
Attaching License Plates	2	Failure to Obey P.O. for Traffic Control	1
Revoked Registration	10	Unsecured Load	1
Failure to Keep Right	5	Improper Lights (After Market)	0
Not Licensed	47	Seized Plates	74
No Right on Red	6	Gave Assistance To-APD	14
Stop Sign/Red Light	104	Gave Assistance To-State/other agency	174
Speeding	520		
Leaving Scene Property Damage	16	"Other" Motor Vehicle Violations	204
Improper Passing	10		
Passing on Right	3		
Turn Signal Violation	11		
Noise	5		
Equipment Violation	181	<u>Total Motor Vehicle Violations</u>	2,025
Obstructing Emergency Vehicle	0		
False Name to Police Officer	3		
School Bus Violation	2	<u>Total Parking Tickets Issued</u>	185
OUI Drugs	1		
Failure to Use Turn Signals	3		
Tinted Windows	4		
Failure to Change Address	7		
Allow Improper Operator	0		
One Way Street Violation	1		
Failure to Dim Headlights	1		
Seat Belt Violation	185		
Drive with Open Container-Alcohol	2		
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident	3		
Failure to Stop for Police Officer	6		
Pedestrian Crosswalk Violation	8		
Follow too Close	2		
Using without Authority of Owner	6		
Counterfeit Inspection Sticker	0		

INCIDENTS REPORTED 2009			
Abandoned motor vehicles	12	Larceny of M.V./& plates	45
Accessory before and after	6	Liquor law violations	31
Accosting	2	Motor vehicle lockouts	243
Affray	7	Malicious destruction of property/MV	162
Animal complaint	302	Mental health warrant	24
Annoying phone calls	33	Minor in possession of alcohol	26
Arson/attempted arson	3	Motor vehicle accidents	521
Assault & Battery on police officer	11	Narcotic drug violations	95
Assault & Battery/A&B dangerous weapon	101	Open Container violation, alcohol	11
Assault with dangerous weapon	9	Possession of Burglary tools	1
Assist other police/fire departments	216	Possession of Child Pornography	0
Attempted murder	1	Protective custody	111
B & E & Burglaries	101	Rape/attempted rape	15
B & E Motor vehicles	27	Receiving stolen property	14
Breaking glass in building	3	Resisting arrest	29
Burglar alarms	666	Robbery (armed/unarmed)	11
By-law violations	7	Runaway/Missing person	48
Child abuse/neglect	66	Sex offenses	5
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	9	Shoplifting	29
Credit Card Violations	31	Social Host Violation (alcohol)	0
Criminal Harassment	1	Stalking	0
Defraud Innkeeper	7	Stolen/lost bicycle	9
Disturbance/Disorderly	807	Sudden death	8
Domestic violence/restraining orders	379	Suicide/Attempted suicide	10
911 Calls Received at Communications Ctr.	6,633	Suspicious activity	778
Embezzlement	2	Tagging	1
Exposing	2	Threats	93
False fire alarm	2	Transporting prisoners	82
False name to police officer	1	Trespassing	55
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	2	Unwanted guests	105
Firearm Violations	3	Uttering	6
Fireworks Violations	27	Warrant arrests	120
Forgery	3	Weapons Violations	3
Fugitive from justice	0	Total Arrests & Protective Custodies	637
Furnishing Liquor to Minors	6	<u>"Other" Incidents</u>	4,548
General services/Field investigation	2,081		
Home Invasion	0	<u>Total Incidents</u>	19,723
Illegal Dumping of Trash	3		
Indecent assault & battery	13	<u>Total Incidents and Motor Vehicle Violations</u>	21,748
Indecent exposure	0		
Intimidating a government witness	17		
Larceny	247		

Employee	Base	Overtime	Education	Holiday	Out. Det.	Total
John Llewellyn	91,578.00	-	24,096.75	4,508.00		120,182.75
Barry Ashton	82,466.46	720.17	11,745.00	2,157.00		142,614.77
Sean Brundige	54,635.58	3,848.34	11,312.00	2,649.00	920.00	75,166.48
Joseph Buie	56,662.83	8,820.79	15,176.00	3,494.50	2,000.00	104,674.19
Michael Byers	52,465.76	4,718.14	5,421.00	2,543.00	160.00	66,589.64
James Casper	54,612.77	3,910.36	-	2,676.00	2,720.00	65,903.53
Peter Chernicki	56,662.83	15,747.88	5,866.00	2,747.00	800.00	85,113.92
Brian Coakley	56,662.83	10,813.31	11,711.00	2,747.00	8,800.00	93,286.67
Paul Donnelly	56,821.30	13,554.45	14,678.50	2,754.00	6,564.00	96,317.70
Dennis Donovan	55,593.72	5,447.82	15,300.00	3,557.00	320.00	94,491.10
Gerard Eramo	60,970.30	11,705.12	12,736.00	3,200.00	320.00	86,143.78
Ronald Everett	22,018.68	324.24		648.48		27,390.52
James Fitzpatrick	17,142.44	357.20		714.48	480.00	39,358.97
John Hurley	54,953.36	13,118.13	11,404.00	2,676.00	28,820.00	113,465.89
Wayne Jackson	59,322.37	6,246.42	14,210.00	3,292.00	7,440.00	101,507.42
Susan Llewellyn	51,300.26	8,540.82	5,351.00	2,509.50	8,000.00	80,099.28
Thomas MacDonald	56,662.83	12,529.71	5,856.00	2,747.00	23,420.00	104,911.30
Patrick Norton	56,235.18	1,620.48		3,240.00		74,398.14
Richard Novio	52,465.76	9,853.03	10,843.00	2,543.00	15,660.00	95,120.48
John O'Connor	56,662.83	6,908.51		2,747.00	16,240.00	84,714.78
Edward Phelps	56,662.83	4,805.92	14,639.00	2,747.00	7,820.00	88,496.39
Gregory Pigeon	64,067.99	6,016.48	16,552.00	3,106.00	3,480.00	93,882.47
Stephen Sammon	56,821.30	12,263.55	11,764.00	2,754.00	15,400.00	100,985.67
Ethan Schnabel	55,851.70	7,353.31		2,711.50	940.00	70,171.06
William Shallies	60,889.32	676.52		2,775.50		66,929.54
James Simpson, Jr.	54,635.58	13,145.73		2,649.00	5,920.00	79,637.13
Richard Somers	54,635.58	1,158.64	5,656.00	2,649.00	820.00	66,738.18
Steven Somers	56,662.83	14,267.57	14,638.00	2,747.00	4,420.00	94,728.68
Rodney Welch	61,932.09	9,258.40	19,832.25	3,679.50	20,960.00	132,405.25
John Wentworth	61,932.09	8,716.88	8,346.00	3,873.00		103,533.67
Nicholas Zeoli	62,695.99	15,820.95	15,963.50	3,218.50	11,580.00	112,804.07
Joseph Zielinski	56,662.83	9,611.84	5,854.50	2,747.00	5,380.00	82,010.30

REPORT OF THE FENCE VIEWER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland;

As Fence Viewer of the Town of Rockland, I serve the community in several ways. It is the duty of the Fence Viewer to enforce the Fence Laws as per the Massachusetts General Laws, as well as the Town By-Laws regarding fences. It is also my duty to attempt to resolve fence issues between abutters.

In 2009, the Fence Viewer took action in a number of “fence situations”. Each of the “situations” was handled to the fullest capacity of the Fence Viewer’s authority. In addition to those situations, the Fence Viewer answered numerous questions regarding fencing via the telephone.

If you have a question or complaint regarding fence issues, please contact me through the Building Department (781-871-0596 ext.3).

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ruble
Fence Viewer

ROCKLAND FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

While they still strongly believe that the Town of Rockland is in need of a Fire sub-station in the southern part of town, the Fire Station Building Committee has put their pursuit of a new Fire sub-station on hold for the time being. They believe that this is not an appropriate time to pursue this for the following reasons:

1. The current financial condition of the Town and State;
2. The lack of availability of land;
3. The Town currently undertaking the project of the new Middle School;
4. The lack of Grant funding available, and
5. The current manpower shortage at the Fire Department

At such a time that the financial situation changes, the Committee would be interested in considering to continue their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
James F. Killinger, Chairman

Fire Chief J. Michael Sammon



Rockland Fire Chief from August 2003 – January 2009

J. Michael Sammon a lifelong resident of Rockland started as a Call Firefighter on January 1, 1971. Mike became a Permanent Firefighter/EMT on June 17, 1979 and was promoted to Lieutenant on August 23, 1992. He became Chief of the Rockland Fire Department on August 18, 2003 and retired on January 3, 2009.

Chief J. Michael Sammon obtained his degree in fire science from Massasoit Community College and attended the University of Massachusetts in Boston. He was an instructor with the Massachusetts Fire Academy after obtaining Fire Instructor Level 1.

During Mike's career he has received many citations and letters of commendation thanking him for his service to the Town of Rockland.

Chief Sammon was instrumental in many changes at the Fire Station including reorganization with a day deputy and shift captain positions and upgrading of the fire alarm room with state of the art equipment.

One of his proudest moments was when his men were honored for their bravery at the Annual Firefighters of the Year Ceremony at Faneuil Hall by Governor Deval Patrick in 2008. Chief Sammon was in command at the fire on Centre Avenue and was instrumental in having them awarded for their efforts.

The Town of Rockland wishes Mike and his family well in his retirement and thanks him for his 38 years of service to Rockland. Below are pictures taken at Mike's retirement party at Rockland Golf Course.



Representative Bob Nyman & Chief Sammon



Award presented to Chief from present & former Boards of Selectmen



FIRE DEPARTMENT

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND:

I hereby submit the annual report of the Rockland Fire Department for the year 2009

The Annual Report

During the calendar year 2009, the Rockland Fire Department responded to a total of 5008 emergency calls compared to 4989 calls in 2008. In addition, response to calls for medical emergencies have approximately doubled in the past 10 years.

In August of 2009, I was selected to serve as Rockland's Interim Fire Chief. I had retired after serving the citizens of Needham for thirty five years, the last fifteen as Fire Chief. My goals and ambitions when I accepted the position was to study the operation of the fire department and to suggest improvements and adjustments to the community leaders and members of the fire department.

After spending several months at the helm of the Rockland Fire Department, I make the following observations. Staffing of the fire department is woefully inadequate. The department has lost numerous positions over the last several years due to layoffs, retirements and attrition of the vacant positions. The department has seen reductions of staff from 8 person shifts to the current configuration of three 5 person shifts and one 6 person shift. This level of staffing is capable of responding to one call of minor consequences leaving no bench strength for a second call. Statistics show that the fire department experiences simultaneous calls on approximately 8% of the times or around 400 times per year. Often the second or greater call is handled by one firefighter responding alone which is risky business.

The fire departments fleet of apparatus is in very poor shape. The community has not kept pace with timely replacement of aging equipment. The newest Engine is a 2004 model received from a FEMA Grant. The Engine is the work horse of the fleet and is showing signs of wear and tear. The second line Engine is a 1988 and has long outlived its useful life. The third Engine had to be taken out of service in the fall due to failure to pass the State safety inspection. The department's front line ambulance is logging approximately 25,000 miles per year and will need replacement in approximately three more years. The back up ambulance is worn out and not properly equipped to respond for advanced life support calls. The town must face the reality that a substantial investment in new fire apparatus must be made in the very near future, or face a catastrophic failure during a time of need for the inhabitants of Rockland.

VEHICLE INVENTORY

Engine Two (out of service)	1250 GPM Pumper	Emergency One-Ford	1987
Engine Three	1250 GPM Pumper	Smeal/HME	2004
Engine Four	1250 GPM Pumper	Emergency One-Ford	1988
Ladder One	105 ft. Aerial	Smeal/Spartan	1999
Forest Fire One	Light Duty Forest Fire	Ford	1986
Fire Alarm	Bucket Truck	Ford & Aerial Bucket	1974
Chief's Car	4 Door Sedan	Ford	2005
Deputy's Car	4 Door Sedan	Ford	1997
Rescue Boat	14 ft. inflatable	Mercury	
Ambulance One	Class I Type III	Ford AEV	2008
Ambulance Two	Class I Type III	Ford/Life-Line	2000

On a positive note, I find the staff of the fire department to be well trained, dedicated and to possess a can do attitude when called upon to serve. I have responded to a multitude of emergency calls and have personally witnessed some truly amazing saves of victims of trauma and sudden illness. The town is fortunate to have firefighters and paramedics of the highest caliber serving the community. I also see much talent that if properly developed will yield some bright capable leadership for future generations of the fire department.

PERSONNEL

Your Fire Department consists of the Chief, Deputy Chief, 1 Captain, 3 Lieutenants, 17 full-time firefighters, 2 call firefighters, 2 part-time Fire Alarm men and 1 Executive Assistant.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

2009 saw the retirement of 4 members of the Rockland Fire Department. Chief J. Michael Sammon retired after 38 years of service, starting his career as a member of the Call department in 1/1971, appointed as a permanent member in 6/1979, promoted to Lieutenant in 8/1992 and to Chief of Department in 8/2003. Firefighter Francis Richardi retired in 5/2009 with 32 years of service, Firefighter Richard Baker retired in 5/2009 with 32 years of service and Firefighter/EMT Richard (RJ) Duhaine retired in 8/2009 with 38 years of service. The Rockland Fire Department salutes these fine and dedicated public servants and wishes them well in retirement.

Interim Fire Chief William Ferguson
congratulating Chief Sammon



AMBULANCE AND REVENUE

In the calendar year of 2009 the Town of Rockland received \$588,644.09 in ambulance billing fees and another \$16,289.00 in permit fees. For calendars years 1999 thru 2009 the Executive Assistant collected over 5 ½ million dollars from ambulance billing fees.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Last years Annual Report chronicled the heroic actions of Group 2 of the Rockland Fire Department's response to a serious house fire on Center Avenue that put members of the department in serious danger. The responding group and Deputy Chief were given the highest level of recognition by the Governor and Fire Service for their actions on that January morning. I would like to acknowledge former Fire Chief Michael Sammon who was the Incident Commander that day and was omitted from the story in last years report.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

While my time in Rockland is relatively short, I have had the pleasure of working with a very dedicated town government, both elected as well as appointed. I have enjoyed a great working relationship with the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Accountant, Police Chief, Highway Superintendent and Building Inspector all of whom I interact with on a daily basis. I am grateful to Deputy Chief William Ferguson for his efforts as Acting Fire Chief prior to my arrival and for assisting me with a smooth transition. Special thanks to my Executive Assistant Mary Ryan who has worked very hard to balance the department's budget and collect the revenue for services rendered by the department. I would like to thank Firefighter Paramedics Charles Williams and Marc Oshry for their dedication to the Paramedic and EMT program as well as for writing numerous successful grants that have provided badly needed resources that have helped the fire department and the community to bridge difficult financial times. This year we were fortunate to receive the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant from the Federal Government. This Grant will go into effect in 2010. The Fire Chiefs of the surrounding Communities and Plymouth County have been very supportive of the Rockland Fire Department and to me personally. I will be forever grateful. In addition I thank the citizens and merchants of Rockland for making me feel welcome to the community. There is much pride in this community and it will serve the community well in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A. DiPoli
Chief of Department



2009 Payroll

Name

**Fire Department salaries will be listed under
Town of Rockland Salaries**

**Baker, Richard
DelPrete, Daniel
DelPrete, Wayne
DiTocco, Mark
Duhaine, Richard
Duffey, Scott, Cpt.
Erickson, Craig, Lt.
Fricker, Jason
Furlong, Richard
Gannon, John
Heaney, Thomas
Henderson, Thomas
Hussey, Donald, Lt.
Margolis, Scott
Mullen, Michael
O'Dea, Edward
Oshry, Marc
Peterson, Eric
Richard, Francis
Sammon, John, Lt.
Sciara, John
Tracy, Michael
Williams, Charles
Wooley, David**

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and the Citizens of Rockland:

During 2009 the Capital Planning Committee continued their role of assembling and assessing the capital needs of all Town departments and submitted their third annual town wide 5 year Capital Improvement Plan covering fiscal years FY2010-FY2014 to the Board of Selectman in April. The 5 year plan provides a concise overview all town wide potential large expenditures requiring supplemental funding to move forward. Large expenditures are those over \$50,000. For FY2009, there was progress on many capital projects with some finding alternative sources of funding.

Water Department Projects

- Water mains for Centre Ave
- A chemical Feed System for Hannigan & Great Sandy Treatment Facility
- The Lincoln and Chestnut Street Water Storage Tank
- The purchase and construction of the new Joint Rockland/Abington Water Office & Garage
- The replacement of chassis for the 1998 utility truck
- The construction of Residual Handlin Facilities

Sewer Department Projects

- Waste Treatment Upgrade
- Inflow & Infiltration/NPDES Permit

Fire Department Projects

- Window replacements of six windows on the second floor of the Fire Station facing Union Street.

School Department Projects

- Upgrades to the Rockland High School Science Labs specifically the Biology and General Science Labs
- The feasibility study on a new Middle School.

It is the role of the Capital Planning to prioritize which projects/purchases are given first opportunity based on a scoring method that assesses the degree of need to the town and/or already allocated funding sources. The current plan consists of **40** project requests, most of them for needed repair work to the Town's infrastructure and **9** equipment requests for replacement of old "dated" equipment needed for daily use. The total estimated expenditures needed to complete all projects and purchase all equipment submitted as requests and deemed worthy by the Capital Planning Committee for the next 5 years is over **\$151,201,449.00**.

Seven new projects have been submitted to the committee this year for inclusion in the 5 year Capital Plan.

Town Administrators Submitted Projects

- Repairing the dam at Studley Pond-\$100,000 project that has been previously un-addressed. The project has now been escalated by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to have a defined time table for completion or the town will face fines which will take away from an already impacted deficit budget.*
- Beech Hill Landfill Repair- \$300,000 project that has been pushed back to the point where it has a potential impact on the Town through litigation. The project has been recommended as a priority if and when funding is found.*

**Both projects have been submitted for consideration to the Massachusetts Municipal Facilities task force "economic recovery" imitative, but if federal grant money does not become available these projects may need to come before the Town in May 2010 for debt exclusion or other alternative means of funding. In prior years many projects like these have been rescued through outside contributors, but with the current economic difficulties affecting both corporations and municipalities these funds are becoming less available*

Water Department Projects

- Replacement of water mains on Salem Street- This is a \$750,000 project looking for one of two means of funding. Borrowing from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust and repaying the loan to the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection and/or by seeking federal and state aid. Fund the project through a general bond issue. Capital Planning has recommended issuance of a general obligations bond if or until alternative funding can be finalized prior to the project start deadline.
- Upgrading Water Meters-This is a \$200,000 project to be funded through the Water Undesignated Fund Balance.

Sewer Department Projects

- Vertical Step Screen-This is a \$120,000 project to be funded through the Unreserved Fund Balance Account.
- Replacement purchase of Influent/Effluent Pumps-This is an \$180,000 project over three years to be funded through the Unreserved Fund Balance Account.
- Tank Maintenance-This is a \$300,000 project over three years to be funded through the Unreserved Fund Balance Account.

School Department

- Replacement of Middle School and Renovation of High School-With the passage of an override to fund \$86, 201, 449.00 to build a new Middle school and renovate the High School through a debt exclusion with the bulk of the debt to be paid addressed in 2012. The Town of Rockland will only be responsible for 35.7% of the full cost of the build as it will be reimbursed through the MSBA.

Projects and equipment recommended as priorities for FY2008, FY2009 &FY2010 that have not been moved forward and to date and have no sources of available funding include:

- Replacement of oldest fire truck in service; Fire Engine #1. The cost of new truck is over \$385,000.00. Leasing proposals have been submitted to extend the cost over time.

- Additional funding for road repair and resurfacing work. The Chapter 90 money provided by the state does not keep pace with the money needed to provide “timely” repaving of the eroding roads in Rockland. Chapter 90 money for the next 3-4 years is estimated under \$300,000.00 per year. Last estimate provided to the Capital Planning Committee on repaving all the needed roads in town within 4 years is over \$900,000.00 per year.
- Updating the fire alarm systems in all the schools. The 2007 estimates provided for this project totaled \$195,000.00.
- Replacing the balance of the windows at the Fire Station that are over 30 years old.

The FY2010-FY 2014 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan report is available on the Town web site for viewing under “Documents and Forms”, “CPC.”

Respectfully submitted by the Capital Planning Committee,

Kelli O’Brien McKinnon, Co-Chairman
 John Ellard, Co-Chairman
 Kenneth M. Murphy, Vice Chairman
 Scott MacKinlay
 Joseph Gambon, Secretary
 Richard Phelps
 Joseph Waisgerber

TREE WARDEN

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Rockland:

The following is a report of the Tree Department for the year 2009

During the past calendar year the Tree Department has had a very busy year with tree trimming.

The William J. Grace Tree Planting Program continues to be very successful with the planting of new trees throughout the Town.

The Tree Department would like to thank the Highway Department and all other department for their continuous help and effort.

Respectfully submitted,
 Robert Corvi, Jr.
 Tree Warden

SEWER COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

The Board of Sewer Commissioners respectfully submits the annual report of the Sewer Department for the year 2009.

The Department completed an Inflow and Infiltration Study by using a flow-metering program. During the rainy season between March 18, 2009 and May 19, 2009 much data was compiled and analyzed from 19 flow meters and 3 rain gauges that were installed in various locations throughout the Town. I/I rates for each metered area were summarized and allowed us to identify the most problematic areas in Town. This will be the basis used for future remediation efforts to reduce I&I in the sewer system. During this time frame we also built a hydraulic sewer model using the metering information. Once the hydraulic model was built and calibrated we were able to use this information to evaluate the capacity in each defined area of the existing sewer system. This will help in reviewing potential new development projects.

The Department continues to work aggressively to identify and eliminate sources of inflow and infiltration. In March and April of 2009 we performed flow isolation, manhole inspections and follow-up television inspection work of 69,000lf in mainline sewer. In May of 2009 we entered into a contract with New England Pipe Cleaning Company for the inspection and rehabilitation of mainline sewer, lateral service connections and manholes as follows:

- Joint testing and sealing in 6-in sewer (35)
- Chemical sealing of manholes (60)
- Spot repairs in 8-in sewer (2)
- Raise /reset manhole frames and covers (32)
- Cleaning, inspection, testing and sealing of service connections (400lf)
- Chemical treatment and root removal of service connections (50lf)

Again we are asking all residents and business owners to help us reduce the amount of inflow into the sewer system. Please do not direct storm water from your basement sump pumps, floor drains or roof drains into the Town's sanitary sewer system. It is illegal and very costly to the Town.

The Department completed the following Capital Planning Projects:

- Purchased a 6-in 1mgd by pass pump
- Purchased and installed a 3mgd influent pump
- Purchased and installed a 3mgd effluent pump

As part of the Town's Municipal MS4 storm water discharge permit, the Department completed the necessary outfall sampling, field screening and laboratory analysis. GIS mapping used for identifying system connectivity was updated.

The Rockland Board Sewer Commissioners would like to extend our thanks to all the residents and departments in Town for their continued cooperation and valued support throughout the year.

Respectively submitted,

Walter Simmons, Chairman
Gerald Esposito III, Vice-Chairman
Christine McGuinness, Administrative Assistant

William E. Stewart, Commissioner
John F. Loughlin, Superintendent

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE 2009 REPORT

2009 saw continued work by the committee, in conjunction with representatives of the Town of Hanover, the Division of Conservation and Recreation, the National Parks Service and the South Shore Chamber of Commerce on the Rail-Trail project along the West Hanover branch of the Old Colony Rail Line. The goal of the project is to link the towns of Abington, Rockland and Hanover by a trail where the rail bed now exists. It is anticipated that the trail will continue into the former Naval Air Station so that it can be linked with trails in the base as well as the multi-modal transportation center to be installed on that site. The committee has begun work on a Feasibility Study for the project.

In an extension of his continuous stewardship of the Rockland Town Forest, George Anderson has, with the help of a number of talented volunteers, extended the trail system in the forest through to Spruce Street. Mr. Anderson reports that the Town Forest is well used, not only by those in the town, but by people from neighboring towns and visitors from distant places participating in "geocaching," locating a particular pre-set spot with GPS devices and reporting visits. Mr. Anderson has been the chairman of the Town Forest Committee since its inception. It was through his vision and endless hard work that the site, a former nursery, has been transformed into a recreational and educational gem for the community and the region. Our deepest thanks to Mr. Anderson for his wonderful efforts in creating the Town Forest that so many have been able to enjoy throughout the years.

During the year, the committee has continued in its efforts to assure that work at the former Naval Air Station is complaint with the state's Department of Environmental Protection, particularly with respect to the disposal of solid waste, some of which has been buried at the site. The committee has also been concerned about the condition of land outside the boundaries of the base, acquired by the developer and proposed for transfer to the Town, as compensation for Rockland open space land on the base used to build a roadway. This land also contains much debris.

Ms. Barbara Ferguson has graciously informed the committee that she is donating a parcel of land to the Town's Conservation Commission. This parcel will be a welcome addition to the store of wetlands needed to protect the quality of water and provide storm runoff area. The parcel is especially important as it borders on French's Stream. The committee is most grateful for her generous gift.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Cann
Chairman

PARK DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland:

The following is a report of the Rockland Park Department for the year ending December 31, 2009.

The main function of the department is to supply the best conditions possible on our fields and parks for the children and the community. We maintain 133 acres of land; 15 ball fields, 2 running tracks, 2 basketball courts, 2 playgrounds and the recycling center. Roughly fifteen (15) permits were issued this year from Company softball games to scouting groups, etc.

This past year we had a new Press Box built at the Veterans' Memorial Stadium. I would like to thank A.W. Perry for the funds; Bob Rice from Rice Design for the structural draft designs; Charles Homer, Superintendent; Gene Kelly, Coordinator and Derek Mariani, construction teacher from South Shore Vocational Technical High School...not to forget the students that did the actual work. Opening ceremonies will be in the Spring of 2010. Again we had Trail Court Services working on various jobs for us throughout the Town and I thank them. The youth athletic groups continue to make major improvements to our fields and I thank them as well.

We have 1,900 children involved with the different sports ranging from ages five to twenty-five, not to forget our track walkers and children on the playgrounds. We have the only stadium in the South Shore that hosts most of our sports programs, graduations, state finals and miscellaneous events.

This past year you, the taxpayers, voted an override to save the parks and fields for your children, grandchildren and yourself and I personally thank you for your support.

As always a special thanks to the Water, Sewer and Highway Departments for their help on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter D. Ewell, Superintendent
Robert Mahoney, Chairman
Richard Furlong, Coordinator
Mark Maquire, Secretary

MEMORIAL LIBRARY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

The following is a report of the Rockland Memorial Library for the Fiscal Year 2009, covering July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The library was funded during this period with a final town appropriation of \$341,000. In comparison, the previous year's original appropriation was \$411,395.00. The Fiscal Year 2009 appropriation amount was \$83,119 less than what was needed to remain certified under the State Aid to Public Libraries award program which guarantees Rockland residents the right to borrow books and other library materials from other public libraries in Massachusetts.

As a result, the Library was open 41 hours instead of 50 hours per week, open 2 evenings per week instead of 3, and was closed weekends. One full-time position was not funded and several part-time employees had their hours reduced. The Library was forced to petition the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for a Waiver of the Municipal Appropriation Requirement for FY 2009. The Town presented its case at a hearing before the Board and was ultimately granted a waiver with reservation to remain certified for FY2009. Maintaining library services under these conditions has been very challenging. It is simply not possible to be open for more hours or to develop a wider variety of offerings.

The Rockland Memorial Library is a member of the Old Colony Library Network (OCLN) which consists of 26 public and 2 college libraries located primarily on the South Shore. Member libraries share access to almost 3 million items by way of a web-based catalog. Any resident with a valid OCLN library card may request and borrow materials from member libraries. Visit the library's website at RocklandMemorialLibrary.org to access the library's catalog, view your account to renew and reserve materials, download audio books, search any of the specialized full-text databases, and view the library's calendar of events.

The Rockland Memorial Library is also a member of the state funded Southeast Massachusetts Regional Library System (SEMLS) which covers the cost of daily delivery of materials to and from libraries, research databases, and staff development training. The Library also participates in the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems Purchasing Cooperative for Library Materials and Supplies for substantial savings.

The Rockland Memorial Library serves as one of the Information Repositories for the South Weymouth Naval Air Station Redevelopment Project. The Library's Local History Room also houses the minutes from the Selectmen, Water Department, Finance Committee meetings, as well as other town documents. Any resident may inspect these documents during regular library hours. The Library is also a Rockland Food Pantry donation site.

FY 2009 Statistics at a Glance

- The Library was open to the public a total of 2,090 hours
- More than 15,000 books and other items were sent here from other Old Colony Library Network libraries and elsewhere to be borrowed by Rockland residents, and the Library in turn sent almost 13,000 items for use in other OCLN libraries.
- 268 downloadable audio books were available for use by Rockland residents
- The staff answered almost 7,000 reference and research questions, either in person by email, telephone, or mail.
- Almost 300 people per week signed up to use an Internet access workstation – an increase of 20% over last year
- More than 3,200 adults, teens, and children attended almost 200 programs, events, or classes.

Programs for Children, Teens, and Adults

Ongoing regular programs include:

- Weekly Baby & Toddler Story Times for ages 3 and under
- Weekly Pre-school Story Times
- Weekly Drop In Knitting/Needlework for adults
- Twice monthly Manga Club for 12 to 17-year-olds involving Japanese comics and printed cartoons
- Monthly PJ (evening) Family Story times
- Monthly Book Discussion Group for adults

“Wild Reads @ Your Library,” the 2008 Massachusetts Summer Reading Program was funded by a generous donation from the Rockland Federal Credit Union. During the summer Rockland children “read for a cause” and adopted two animals through the World Wildlife Fund. Programs included an indoor beach party, “Swimming with Humpback Whales, a slideshow and talk,” a Pet Show, other story times and reading events, and ending with the Library’s annual ice cream party. The library would not be able to undertake this philanthropic-themed summer program without the additional support from local businesses, the RML Foundation, and volunteers who helped make the summer a success.

A variety of free programs was also held for Rockland residents including:

- “The Art of Pastel: The da Vinci Mode,” a hands on workshop funded in part by a grant from the Rockland Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.
- An Edwardian Christmas Tea, also funded by the Rockland Cultural Council
- “Read to a Dog: Therapy Dogs of Massachusetts”, a program for beginner readers that promotes their interest in reading and builds their confidence in reading aloud.
- Four different Resume and Job Searching workshops
- An Introduction to Genealogy Resources class

“Art in the Rotunda,” a changing art display, continues to attract local artists and viewers alike. This year featured works by Richard Jordon, Linda Mae Ellis, Paul Carley, Connie Drapeau Kennedy, and a group show which included works by Holly Agnew, Jackie Sliwinski, Ed Mikenas, Amy Hildreth, Joyce Cristoferi, Janice Golden and Karen Haffner. The annual show by the Rockland Senior Center Watercolor Group is always a favorite. Some artists host an Artist’s Reception right in the Rotunda and the public is always welcome to attend these free events. The library is pleased to offer space in the Library Rotunda for community artists to display their work. This ongoing art display series is coordinated by volunteer Karen Haffner.

Personnel Changes

In the fall of 2008, John McCraith, formerly a Library Aide assumed the position of part-time Library Technician vacated by Melissa Butka who resigned in late August.

Gifts and Donations

The library also benefited from monetary donations by groups and individual members of the community. Monetary gifts can be given directly to the Rockland Memorial Library Gift Account. Again this fiscal year, the Rockland Lions Club donated \$1,000 which was used to purchase large print books, each of which has a book plate indicating their generous gift. The library is appreciative of all donations, large or small.

The holiday wreath that graces the Belmont Street door during the winter holidays is donated annually by Lisa Roberts in memory of her grandfather, John B. Fitzgerald, a former Library Trustee who served 51 years on the Board of Library Trustees.

In Appreciation

The Rockland Memorial Library is a community resource that fosters a love of reading and endeavors to improve the quality of life for Rockland residents. The hardworking and creative staff continues to strive to meet the growing informational, technological and life-long educational needs of the citizens they serve. The library is also fortunate to have volunteers who donate their time and energy to assist the staff with a variety of tasks ranging from shelving books to unpacking delivery boxes and other special projects. Their help is much appreciated.

In April 2009 Kathleen M. Looney and Richard L. Tetzlaff ran uncontested for re-election. Their new terms will expire in 2012. On a sad note, Trustee James A. Flanagan died on May 27, 2009 following a lengthy illness. Mr. Flanagan served on the Board from 1994 until his death. He was an ardent supporter of the Rockland Memorial Library and his contributions will be missed.

Lastly, the library staff would like to thank all the people who continue to support the library both financially and through their patronage. Special thanks are given to the Library Trustees, the RML Foundation, Inc., local businesses, and residents for their financial support. Your donations supplement the library budget by covering some of the costs of providing library services for Rockland residents of all ages that are not normally covered by town appropriation.

Looking Forward

Although the economic downturn has been especially difficult for Rockland, a group of concerned citizens worked diligently in FY 2009 to save several severely jeopardized departments, including the library. As a result of their efforts to rouse public support, a Special Town Election held on May 30 passed 4 Override ballot questions, one of which guaranteed \$348,000 funding to keep the library open in Fiscal Year 2010. The Trustees and staff offer heartfelt thanks to the residents of Rockland.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly C. Brown, *Library Director*

Board of Library Trustees:

Kathleen M. Looney, *Chairperson*

Marie Buchan Colburn, *Vice Chairperson*

Richard L. Tetzlaff, *Treasurer*

Denise M. Wallace, *Secretary*

James A. Flanagan, *served until his death in May 2009*

Laura A. Walsh

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work on behalf of Plymouth County residents, in concert with UMass Amherst faculty and Extension staff, and the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in the program areas of 'Agriculture and Landscape' and '4-H Youth and Family Development'. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County residents include: annual sustainable gardening lectures, annual fruit pruning demonstration; ornamental tree pruning lecture, research, information and educational programs on pests like the winter moth caterpillar; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; landscape and horticultural training and resources for municipal employees and green industry professionals; 4-H Science and Technology workshops in the areas of embryology and plant science; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; 4-H animal science summer day-workshops; 4-H Life Skills Training, 4-H Community Service Projects, 4-H Public Speaking Training, 4-H Babysitting Program and 4-H partnerships with local farms and agricultural enterprises. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, conferences, office visits, phone calls, field demonstrations, radio, television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through UMass-Amherst Extension web access www.umassextension.org.

Members of the Plymouth County Extension Staff:

Deborah C. Swanson, Landscape, Nursery, and Urban Forestry Program/Manager
Samuel Fox, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Molly Vollmer, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Debra L. Corrow, Executive Assistant

Board of Trustees:

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Anthony O'Brien, Plymouth County Commissioner, Chairman, - Whitman	

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at 266 High St., P.O. Box 658, Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; fax: 781-293-3916) plyctyext@mindspring.com.

REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2009.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2009 season began with a high water table and above average rain fall into the fall season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 26, 2009 and ended on September 25, 2009. The Project responded to a record 20,713 spray requests for service from residents.

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was first isolated in the district from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Lakeville on August 24, 2009. Twelve EEE mosquito isolates were trapped in Plymouth County as follows: Rochester-9/3, 9/9 *Culiseta melanura*, 9/15 *Ochlerotatus canadensis* a human biter, 9/23 (4) *Culiseta melanura*, Mattapoisett-8/27, 9/9 (2) *Culiseta melanura* 8/27 *Ochlerotatus canadensis*, Plympton-9/9 *Culiseta melanura*.

Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, two Plymouth County towns Lakeville and Middleboro were elevated from "Low Level" to "Moderate Level" for EEE Risk" and Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester were elevated to "High Level" EEE risk category. All other towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project remained in the "Low Level Risk" category. We are pleased to report that in 2009 there were no human or horse EEE cases in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus (WNV) was also found within the district. A total of two isolations of WNV mosquitoes were found. *Culex pipiens* bird biters were trapped in Lakeville on 8/30 and in Wareham on 9/3. We are also pleased to report that in 2009 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 63,940 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health discontinued bird testing for West Nile Virus.

The public health problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm.

The figures specific to the Town of Rockland are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Rockland residents.

Insecticide Application. 965 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

During the summer 2,039 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2009 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 3,900 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Machine Reclamation. 725 linear feet of upland ditch was reconstructed in Rockland using the Project's track driven excavator.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by helicopter before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In Rockland this year we aerially larvicided 254 acres.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Rockland was less than two days with more than 353 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Rockland indicates that *Cs. melanura* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Ae. vexans* and *Cx. species*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.com or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Anthony Texeira
Superintendent

Commissioners:
Carolyn Brennan, Chairman
Leighton F. Peck, Vice-Chairman/Secretary
Kimberly King
Michael F. Valenti
John Kenney

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

2009 Annual Report

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) was initiated in 1993 with a mission “to serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities that desire to act jointly to solve governmental problems or to deliver services to their citizens more effectively or efficiently.”

The nineteen member communities of SERSG benefit from shared administrative services provided by a regional administrator. Lara Thomas has served as regional administrator of SERSG since 2004. SERSG’s work is supported by dues from the member communities, and dues have remained at the same level since 2003. Middleborough is SERSG’s newest member, joining in 2009.

Annual procurements designed to save municipalities time and money are a major part of SERSG’s services. Cooperative procurements for Paper, Office Supplies and DPW Supplies and Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals were held in the spring of 2009 and for DPW Services in the fall of 2009.

Rockland was able to realize savings of more than \$30,000 off list prices for office supplies for Fiscal Year 2009 through the SERSG Office Supplies and Paper Contracts.

Thousands of dollars in additional savings per year result from the SERSG DPW procurements. Some savings examples are that winter hot mix is just \$88 per ton under the SERSG contract while the state contract price is \$99 per ton. For washed sand for ice and snow removal, SERSG towns pay \$11.24-12.37 per ton while the state contract price is \$14.91 per ton. The Town of Middleborough elected to join SERSG when they learned the SERSG prices for water and sewer treatment chemicals would save the town \$60,000.

During 2009, Ms. Thomas held training for on-site contacts for Drug & Alcohol Testing at which the new vendor provided an overview on the process for testing. She also assisted representatives from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District as they were interested in developing their own cooperative purchasing initiative. A review of tax-exempt status by the IRS was successfully undergone by SERSG Service Corp in the late summer. In the fall, Ms. Thomas was able to initiate electronic distribution for all Invitations for Bids for the DPW Services procurement resulting in significant cost savings. Finally, a SERSG website was developed and launched in the fall. The site will continue to be developed and hopefully provide even more opportunities for collaboration among member communities in the future.

Finally, monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Highway Superintendents continued to provide valuable opportunities for representatives from member communities to share concerns and receive ideas and feedback about a wide variety of issues affecting municipalities.

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ROCKLAND SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

It is my pleasure to submit the third Annual Report of the Rockland School Building Committee to the Citizens of Rockland. It is incredible what has transpired the past three years.

Early 2008 we received approval for consideration from the Massachusetts School Building Authority for our School Project. Then after a number of meetings with the MSBA we received an invitation to move into a Feasibility Study. After that study was completed early 2009 we were approved for the Design Stage and then on July 29, 2009 we were approved for the Schematic Design Stage. After two months of intense design work by our Architects, Project Manager and members of the Building Committee the MSBA gave final approval to our School Project on September 30, 2009. Originally, the project was for a new Middle School only. However, we were able to successfully convince the MSBA to revise the project to include a new Middle School attached to a completely renovated High School. A great deal of credit for this accomplishment goes to Superintendent, John Retchless.

It was then necessary to receive approval by Rockland Citizens for a Debt Exclusion of 86.2 million dollars of which we will receive a reimbursement of 53.3 million dollars from the MSBA with Rockland's portion of the project being 32.9 million. At a Special Town Meeting November 3, 2009 unanimous approval was received and at a Special Election November 14, 2009 the Debt Exclusion was approved by a vote of 2092 to 942. This show of support for the School Project is all the more amazing when you consider that just six months earlier Rockland Citizens approved four overrides for operating expenses totaling \$2,769,392.00, again by an overwhelming margin. The portion of the override for the School Department was approved 3 to 1. This approval was critical to our receiving continued support from the MSBA. Rockland residents stood tall when it came to supporting quality education for our children.

In addition to the support received by our citizens, the unanimous support of the School Committee, Selectmen and various Town Officials played a major role in this success. Another factor in this success story is the tremendous efforts by our SOS (Save Our Schools) and the Great Schools/Great Town Committees. Julie Shields, Chair of SOS and Jeanine

Oliver, Chair of Great Schools/Great Town and their legion of workers deserve recognition for a JOB WELL DONE. Julie kicked off this effort 18 months ago when her group was successful in getting out the message to our citizens of the importance of this project. This effort resulted in approval of the Feasibility Study in April/May of 2008, then final approval November 2009. Of course, Jeanine and her group were equally successful in bringing about the same result for the school override. I sincerely believe that without their efforts this great achievement would not have happened.

The School Building Committee has a tremendous amount of work to do over the next 2 1/2 to 3 years. A Construction Manager has to be hired and bids have to be prepared, advertised and awarded. This will require a great deal of diligence to avoid costly legal challenges. If all goes well, the new Middle School should be ready for occupancy by September 2012. The High School renovations will be on-going; beginning hopefully this Fall, with completion six months after the Middle School is finished. Needless to say, we

will all be busy overseeing the construction, with every effort being made to bring this project to completion on budget., if not under.

I would like to thank members of the Building Committee, the Architects, Don Walter and Jon Richardson, our Project Manager, Sean Fennell, all our Town Officials and especially the Citizens of Rockland for all their support and encouragement this past year. Further, I would like to thank the MSBA staff for all their assistance. I especially want to thank our Superintendent John Retchless for his great leadership in bringing this project to fruition.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the School Building Committee. Members are as follows: Larry Chaffee, Ken Dunn, Dick Jones, Arnold, David Gear, Arnold Laramée, Bob Manzella, Richard Phelps, Richard Penney, Tom Mills, Regina Quirk, John Retchless, John Rogers, Doric Scarpelli, Steve Sangster, Paul Stanish, Marilyn Werkheiser, Pam Worden & Jared Valanzola.

Sincerely,

John Rogers, Chairman



Rockland's Best Award

The Board of Selectmen presented Devan Dupuis (Blue Shirt) with a Rockland's Best Award for performing the Heimlich Maneuver saving fellow student Ian Garland (Plaid Shirt) from choking when he had food lodged in his throat during lunch at the John W. Rogers Middle School. Back row left to right: Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman Lawrence J. Chaffee; Chairman of School Committee Mark S. Norris; Principal of John W. Rogers Middle School Paul Stanish and Superintendent of Schools John Retchless.

School Committee Annual Report 2009

The past year began as many have over the past decade, a failing economy, reduced state funding and more budget cuts looming for an already decimated School District. This year would be different, very different. There was a spirit of excitement and cooperation in the air. Times for the School District were about to change, dramatically.

Teacher Contracts negotiations were first on the agenda for the School Committee and it was clear to us from the beginning that the best interest of the students of Rockland was what everybody had on their mind. The Teachers Union agreed to a freeze of all salary lines across the board setting the stage for more good things to come. The spring elections were soon upon us and with the hard work of the Administrative Office, Jeanine Oliver of Great Schools/Great Town, and many parents, the School District won its first override. The \$1.8 million the taxpayers voted help insure there would be no program cuts or teacher layoffs for the first time in many years. Young and old, the support shown for our children's future was truly amazing.

Next, the work began on the Middle School Building Project. After many meetings between the School District and State Officials, the State decided that Rockland's idea of building a new Middle School and completely renovating the High School should be further studied. The School Building Committee entrusted Dorr & Whittier and Daedalus to complete this phase and the expertise they provided was invaluable. In the fall, John Retchless, John Rogers, Paul Stanish, and I, along with our professional team, attended the MSBA meeting vote to award our project. We sat there in amazement because, not only was Rockland approved for the largest project, but at the highest reimbursement rate the MSBA would approve that day.

The final hurdle was a debt exclusion to fund our 35.74% of the \$86.5 million building project. Again the staff, parents, Julie Shields of the volunteer Rockland SOS Committee would work tirelessly to inform taxpayers and get out the vote to win the debt exclusion. On a personal note, I came to the School Committee seven years ago with a dream that many said would never happen, to someday see a new school built for our children. With the funds now in place it will soon be a reality.

The School Committee is also working hard in many other areas. MCAS scores for math are our main focus for the upcoming year. The competitive nature of the job market and increased use of technology make it imperative that we work to improve our children's skills in this area. We have had great success in reading and look to bring the same to math. Someday we hope to be on the cutting edge of the "textbook less" classroom with much of the learning being done on computers. Our students are also an incredible group of kids. This year the high school students have brought new proposals to the School Committee for approval. Ideas have been well thought out, well written, and a credit to themselves. They continue to make us proud.

Finally, I want to say how proud and honored I have been to serve as the School Committee Chairman. The pleasure it has been to work alongside Michelle Pezzella, Marilyn Werkhieser, Mike Mullen, and Tom Mills is beyond words. I look forward to serving you in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark S. Norris, Chairman Rockland School Committee

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mark S. Norris, Chairman	Term Expires 2012
Michelle E. Pezzella, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2011
Thomas F. Mills, Jr., Secretary	Term Expires 2012
Michael P. Mullen, Jr.	Term Expires 2010
Marilyn J. Werkheiser	Term Expires 2010

ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL

John Retchless Office Tel: 878-3893	Superintendent of Schools 34 MacKinlay Way
Doric Scarpelli Office Tel: 878-3893	Assistant Superintendent 34 MacKinlay Way
Kathryn Salem Office Tel: 878-1380	Director of Pupil Personnel Services 198 Spring Street
Stephen P. Sangster Office Tel: 871-0541	Principal Rockland High School
Paul E. Stanish Office Tel: 878-4341	Principal Rogers Middle School
Carol McGrath Office Tel: 878-8336	Principal R. Stewart Esten School
Gerald Kohn/Robert Levine Office Tel: 871-8400	Principals Jefferson School
Janice Sheehan Office Tel: 878-1367	Principal Memorial Park School

LOCATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS
IN THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Senior High School 34 MacKinlay Way

DIRECTOR OF PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

Almshouse 198 Spring Street

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12/EASE 52 MacKinlay Way

ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6-8 100 Taunton Avenue

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

R. Stewart Esten Grades K-5 733 Summer Street

Memorial Park Grades K-5 1 Brian Duffy Way

Jefferson Grades K-5 34 James Street

BUSINESS OFFICE PERSONNEL

Burrill, Carol	Lamb, Donna
Caplice, Donna	Miller, Patricia
Cusick, Judith	

SCHOOL SECRETARIES

Armstrong, Karen	Senior High School
Brown, Paula	Daycare
Cronin, Kathleen	Pupil Personnel
Damon, Frances	Rogers Middle School
DelPrete, Carol	Senior High School
Ellis, Jane	Senior High School
Garvey, Claire	Jefferson School
LaCombe, Janet	Esten School
Russo, Helen	Memorial Park School
Smith, Nancy	Rogers Middle School
Woodward, Mary Ellen	Senior High School

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Belcher, Douglas MD	School Physician
Anderson, Virginia RN	St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing
Casagrande, Patricia RN	Quincy City Hospital School of Nursing
DiGregorio, Beverly RN	Quincy City Hospital School of Nursing
Franzen, Deborah RN	Massasoit Community College School of Nursing
Ryan, Kathi RN	University of Massachusetts, Boston

AIDES

Allen, Carol	Langley, Patricia
Balas, Joan	Lyon-Murphy, Edith
Barry, Janet	MacDonald, Christina
Beaudet, Elizabeth	Mahon, Lois
Boylan, Connie	Mahoney, Diane
Bradford, Marlys	Makarski, Lisa
Brennan, Cheryl	Maloney, Jean
Brennan, Dianne	McDonough, Anita
Brownell, Denise	McSolla, Dorothy
Cary, Neil	Mellen, Nancy
Casey, Lee	Messier, Karen
Clark, Maureen	Mondville, Sharon
Collins, Stephanie	Moscardelli, Theresa
Connell, Deborah	Murphy, Susan
Coulstring, Patricia	Parnaby, Hillary
Cousin, Joann	Pelrin, Karen
Davis, Noel	Pigeon, Sharon
DeCecco, Kathleen	Reyno, Paula
Doyle, Theresa	Rossiter, Deborah
Dunn, Carla	Sampson, Jeanne
Garrity, Kathleen	Smith, Brenda
Goldman, Carol	Smith, Christine
Hall, Judith	Sommers, Claudia
Hannigan, Dale	Sullivan, Susan
Heney, Lori	Trudeau, Cheryl
Houston, Laure	Tufts, Suzanne
Johnson, Kimberly	Wainwright, Colleen
Kilgallen, Catherine	Welch, Allison
Kirslis, Joyce	Wells, Kathleen
Knudsen, Lida	Winsor, Kim

PART-TIME AIDES

Delprete, Christine
Kane, Dawn
Penney, Patricia

SPECIAL EDUCATION DRIVERS

Feinstein, Brenda	Richardson, Jean
Flanders, Anne	Smith, Michelle
Haapaoja, Joyce	

MAINTENANCE

Dunn, Kenneth Supervisor	Victor, Paul
Catino, Andrew	

CUSTODIANS

SENIOR HIGH

Loughlin, Edward	Taylor, Phillip
Mahoney, Paula	Tolan, Peter
McCarthy, David	Woodward, Warren (part-time)
Panaro, Urban (part-time)	

ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Caldeiro, Robert (part-time)	Kelly, Paul
Kelly, John	Olson, Curt

ELEMENTARY

Crovo, Peter	Rose, Edward
Gay, Richard	Smith, Richard
Golemme, David	Toohey, Liam
McGarry, William	Walsh, Michael
Paradiso, Michael	

CAFETERIA PERSONNEL

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Boughter, Beverly, Asst. Mgr.	Low, Donna
Dowdall, Sandra	Millen, Margaret
Faulstich, Jill	Rogers, Diane, Mgr.
Knight, Catherine	Wilcox, Lynn

ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Baker, Karen	Hall, Judith
Bistany, Pamela, Asst. Mgr.	Martin, Barbara
Dearth, Gail	Murphy, Mary, Manager
DiCienzo, Denise	Whiting, Joanne

ELEMENTARY

Benson, Margaret	Loughlin, Doreen-Holy Family
Burke, Patricia	Rugnetta, Michelle-Holy Family- Mgr.
Crooks, Diane, Mgr	Sargent, Ruth
Delprete, Brenda.	Swiatek, Amanda
Ernest, Patricia-Holy Family	Trapeno, Beverly, Mgr
Stuart, Paula	Welch, Teala

		SCHOOL/DEGREE		
		SCHOOL	DEGREE	GRADE/SUBJ
ADAMS	MARCIA	NORTH ADAMS	BS	GRADE 3
ANDERS	CYNTHIA	WESTFIELD STATE	BS	PRE SCHOOL
ARMSTRONG	ANGELINA	COLORADO STATE UNIV	BS	SCIENCE
BABCOCK	MONICA	LESLEY UNIVERSITY	BA	GRADE 4
BARRETT	MAUREEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
BEAL	PATRICIA	SALEM STATE	BS	GRADE 1
BIGSBY	CHAD	STATE UNION COLLEGE NY NY STATE UNIVERSITY	BA MA	ENGLISH
BISSONNETTE	MICHELE	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 3
BLACK	MARGARET	BRIDGEWATER STATE UMASS	BA MED	GUIDANCE
BOGUS	MARGARET	BOSTON STATE COLL	BS	GRADE 6
BOHN	BETH	PROVIDENCE COLL BOSTON COLL	BA MED	ASST. PRINC/SPED
BOYLE	PATRICIA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	TITLE 1
BLAKE	KERRI	CURRY COLLEGE	BA	GRADE 4
BRICKLEY	CAROL	BOSTON STATE COLL	BS	GRADE 4
BURKE	CATHERINE	WESTFIELD STATE COLL.	BA	SPED
BURKE	GALE	FITCHBURG STATE COLL	BS	GRADE 5
BURWEN	RUSSELL	CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	MED BS	SCIENCE
BUTLER	KRISTIN	FAIRFIELD UNION MASS GENERAL HOSPITAL	BS MS	SPEECH
CABLE-MURPHY	DAVID	EMERSON COLLEGE EMERSON COLLEGE	BS MA	WRPS
CAHILL	CAROL	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	ENGLISH
CALIRI	EMELIA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 5

CAMIRAND	MARIAN	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 2
CANN	JANET	UNIV OF MASS NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BA MED	GUIDANCE
CAREY	MARA	BRIDGEWATER STATE FITCHBURG STATE	BS MED	GRADE 6
CASAGRANDE	JAMES	WESTERN N.E.	BS	SCIENCE
CASAGRANDE	STEVEN	WESTERN N.E.	BA	MATH
CLAY	DIANA	UNIV OF MAINE/FARM.	BS	PRE SCHOOL
COEN	HELEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 6
COLLINS	SARAH	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
COOK	JANET	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 8
CORBETT	KATHARINE	STONEHILL COLL	BA	GRADE 1
CORR	DIANE	BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIV. OF NEW ENGLAND	BA MED	GRADE 7
COSTELLO	JOAN	STONEHILL COLLEGE	BA	SOCIAL STUDIES
COWGILL	ANGELINE	WHEATON COLLEGE SIMMONS COLLEGE UNIV. OF MASS	BA MA MED	SPANISH
CREEDON	DENISE	BRIDGEWATER STATE LESLEY COLLEGE	BS MED	KINDERGARTEN
CURLEY	CAITLYN	EASTERN NAZARENE COLL EASTERN NAZARENE COLL	BA MED	GRADE 1
CURTIN	KAREN	UNIV. OF NORTH CAROLINA NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE	BA MS MED	GRADE 8 SCIENCE
DAMON II	FREDRICK	BOSTON COLL	BA	MATH /DEAN
DAVIDSON	DENISE	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED CAGS	GUIDANCE
DIGGLE	MARY	STATE UNIV.COLLEGE UNIV. OF ALBANY	BS MA/MS	ESL
DONDERO	MARIE	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 4
DRESSLER	EUGENE	HARVARD UNIV HARVARD UNIV	BA MBA	MATH

DUARTE	ROGERIO	BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIV. OF PHOENIX	BA MBA	MATH/SOC SCIENCE
DUFFEY	KAREN	PROVIDENCE COLLEGE ENDICOTT COLLEGE	BA MED	SPED
DUNIN	HEATHER	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
DUNN	ANNEMARIE	FRAMINGHAM ST COLL LESLEY COLL	BS MED	GRADE 6
DUNN	MARY	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 7
DUQUETTE	SUE-ELLEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 1
ELFMAN	BRENDA	UMASS UNIV OF VA	BS MED	SPEECH
ENOS	GLEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE LESLEY COLL	BA MED	GRADE 3
FALLON	PATRICIA	SALEM STATE FITCHBURG STATE	BS MED	GRADE 5
FARLEY	AMY	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
FERNANDES	HOPE	JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIV LESLEY COLLEGE	BA MED	ENGLISH
FEENEY	JULIE	CLARK UNIVERSITY CLARK UNIVERSITY SIMMONS COLLEGE	BA MS MA	LANGUAGE
FERRY	KATHLEEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE FITCHBURG STATE	BS MED	GRADE 2
FLANAGAN	JAMES	UMASS CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BA MED	SOCIAL STUDIES
FLANAGAN	MARY	BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIV. OF NEW ENGLAND	BA MED	GRADE 7
FOLEY	MARGARET	LESLEY COLLEGE SALEM STATE	BS MS	LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT
FOLSOM	JACQUELYN	EMMANUEL	BA	KINDERGARTEN
FOLSOM	BRENDA	BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIV. OF NEW ENGLAND	BS MED	HEALTH/PHYS ED
FORLIZZI	COLLEEN	MERRIMACK COLLEGE CURRY COLLEGE	BS MED	GRADE 8
FRATES	JANICE	WHEELLOCK UNIV. OF MASS	MED BA	KINDERGARTEN
GATTINE	RICHARD	CURRY COLL SIMMONS COLL	BS MS	SPED

GEORGE	JAMIE	UNIV. OF NH	BA	GRADE 8
GIBSON	SANDRA	SIMMONS COLLEGE RHODE ISLAND COLL CASTLETON STATE COL	MA BS MED	ART
GRASS	CATHERINE	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BS MED	SPEECH/LANGUAGE
GRATTAN	NANCY	UMASS/AMHERST FITCHBURG STATE	BS MED	GRADE 6
GRAZIANO	GARY	JOHNSON & WALES BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	ATH DIR/FAM CONS. SCI.
GRIMMETT	RANDAL	BRIDGEWATER STATE SUFFOLK UNIV	BS JD	S.STUDIES CHAIR
HAFNER	ERIC	BOSTON UNIV TUFTS UNIV	BS CAGS	SCH PSYCH
HAGGERTY	MICHAEL	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	GRADE 6 ENGLISH
HANSEN	SUSAN	HOBART & WM SMITH LESLEY COLLEGE	BA MED	GRADE 6
HARDEN	MATTHEW	UNIV. OF MASS ITHACA COLLEGE	BA/MUSIC MA/MUSIC	MUSIC DIRECTOR
HARRIS	ELLEN	MASS COLL. OF ART	BFA	ART
HAWKES	CHARESAH	WHEATON COLLEGE	BA	SPED
HAYES	DIANE	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 3
HOCKING	CAROL	WESTFIELD STATE	BS	SPED
HOFFMAN	KATHY- ANNE	CLARK UNIVERSITY	BA	MATH
HOGAN	DEBORAH	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 2
HOYO	SAMANTHA	UNIV. OF MASS	BS	SCIENCE
HUGHES	STEVEN	BUTLER UNIV. BUTLER UNIV. INDIANA UNIV.	BS MS EdD	PSYCHOLOGIST
JAGIELA	ELIZABETH	UNIVERSITY OF MAINE LESLEY UNIVERSITY	BA MED	GRADE 6 MATH
JOHNSON	CRAIG	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	MATH
KELLEY	ROBIN	CRANE SCH OF MUSIC CENT CONN STATE UNIV	BMUS MS	MUSIC

KEMENES	CAROL	U.MASS/BOSTON BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA MED	FOR LANG
KIDD	EMILY	BOSTON COLLEGE NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BA MS/CAGS	PSYCHOLOGY
KILLINGER	JAN	STONEHILL COLL	BA	SPED
KING	APRIL	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	ART
KLINE	PAULA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
KNAPP	ELIZABETH	SUNY COLLEGE-POTSDAM NY	BA	ESL
LABOLLITA	BARBARA	WESTFIELD STATE	BS	SPED
LAMLEIN	KERRY M.	STONEHILL COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BS MED	GRADE 6
LANNIN-COTTON	MADELINE	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	ENGLISH
LEAHY	FREEA	UNIV. OF MASS BOSTON COLLEGE	BA MA	SOCIAL WORKER
LEARNING	MELINDA	BOSTON STATE COLL BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 3
LEARY	ROBERT	PLYMOUTH STATE COLL	BS	PHYS. ED.
LESTER	STEVEN	BOSTON UNIV. SUFFOLK UNIV. BOSTON UNIV.	BS MED EdD	GRADE 5
LINEHAN	JESSICA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	LIBRARY
LIQUORI	NICK	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	MATH
LOMBARDI	SANDRA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SOCIAL STUDIES
LONERGAN	SUSAN	BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIV. OF NEW ENGLAND	BS MED	GRADE 5
LONG	ELLEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE EASTERN NAZARENE COLL.	BS MED	SPED
LOONEY	SHANNON	WESTFIELD STATE COLL BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 3
LOSCIUTO	RUTH	WORCESTER ST. COLL EMERSON COLL	BS MS	SPEECH
MacALLISTER	RICK	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	SOCIAL STUDIES
MacDONALD	HEATHER	BRIDGEWATER STATE FITCHBURG STATE	BS MED	SPED

MANDRIK	BRIAN	UNIV. OF MASS	BA	ENGLISH/READING
MARIANO	LAURIE	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	SPED
MARK	JEAN	N.ADAMS STATE COLL	BS	TITLE 1
McDONALD	CHARLES	WESTERN N.E. COLLEGE	BS	GRADE 8 MATH
MCDONNELL	JULIE	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 1
MCDONOUGH	AMANDA	HOUGHTON COLLEGE	BA	ENGLISH
MCFARLAND	LINDA	SUFFOLK UNIV.	BS	GRADE 2
MCGONNIGAL	SHARON	CURRY COLL CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BA MED	SPED COORD.
MCGRATH	CAROL	BRIDGEWATER STATE NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BS MED	PRINCIPAL
MCNAMARA	LISA	LESLEY COLL	BS	SPED
MERTEN FLEMING	PATRICIA	UNIV OF MAINE	BS	FAM CONS SC _I
MIGNACCA	KATHLEEN	UNIV. OF MASS UNIV. OF MARYLAND	BA MED	SPED
MIKLOS	MARY	YOUNGSTOWN ST. OHIO NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BS MED	EASE COORD.
MINAHAN	JULIE	UNIV. OF MASS	BA	GRADE 8 ENGLISH
MITCHELL	DIANA	MERRIMACK COLLEGE	BA	GRADE 7 MATH
MORGAN	KRISTIN	UNIV. OF UTAH UNIV. OF UTAH	BS MA	HEALTH
MULLANEY	JOAN	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
MULREADY	VALERIE	WESTFIELD STATE	BS	MATH
MURPHY	ROBERT	BOSTON UNIVERSITY HARVARD UNIVERSITY	BA MA	SCIENCE
NEE	KAREN	CURRY COLLEGE WHEELLOCK	BA MS	GRADE 4
NETTO	PATRICIA	CURRY COLLEGE	BS	SPED
OBRIEN	KATHLEEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 4
O'DAY	ERIN	HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY	BA	GRADE 1
O'DONNELL	GEORGE	RHODE ISLAND COLL	BS	TECH ED
O'DUGGAN	ERIN	UNIV OF COLORADO UNIV OF COLORADO	BA MA	SPEECH

OKOLA	CATHERINE	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	SPED
OSBORNE	ELIZABETH	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 2
OWEN	KENNETH	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	PHYS ED
PAGE	JEAN	FITCHBURG STATE COLL	BS	GRADE 2
PALMER	STEPHANIE	SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY	BA	SPANISH
PARKER	BARRY	CURRY COLL	BA	TECH.ED.
PARKER	LAUREN	BRIDGEWATER STATE SYRACUSE UNIV.	BS MS	SPEECH
PATTON	SUSAN	BRIDGEWATER STATE CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BA MED	ASST. PRINCIPAL
PAULDING	KATHLEEN A.	FITCHBURG STATE CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BS MED	SOCIAL STUDIES
PAYLOR	PAULA	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 2
PELISSIER	PAULA	BRIDGEWATER STATE BOSTON UNIV.	BA MS	SPEECH
PERKINS	JEFFREY	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	PHYS ED
PHELPS	SUSAN	WESTFIELD STATE CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BS MED	PHYS ED
PIERCE	JOANN	BOSTON COLL NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BS MED	SPED
PISTORINO	MARY	BOSTON COLLEGE	BA	SPED
REINBOLD	ELISA	BOSTON UNIV. WHEELLOCK COLL	BS MS	PRE SCHOOL
RETMCHLESS	JOHN	BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY McGILL UNIVERSITY	BA BS MED	SUPERINTENDENT
ROBACK	JENNIFER	WORCESTER STATE	BS	SPED
ROWE	GREGORY	SUFFOLK UNIV.	BS	SOCIAL STUDIES
RUNCI	PATRICK	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	BS	GRADE 4
RUSCONI	TERESA	REGIS COLL U.MASS/BOSTON	BA MED	SPED
RUSSO	ELIZABETH	REGIS COLL UNIV. OF NEW ENGLAND	BA MED	GRADE 1

RYAN	LISA	UNIV OF CONN LESLEY COLLEGE	BS MED	TECHNOLOGY
SALEM	KATHRYN	LESLEY UNIV UNIV. OF MASS BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED CAGS	DIR PPL PERS
SANGSTER	STEPHEN	NORTHWESTERN STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MS	PRINCIPAL
SAVAGE-CAPRIO	WENDY	SKIDMORE COLL BOSTON COLL	BS MED	GRADE 1
SCARPELLI	DORIC	HOLY CROSS COLL BOSTON COLL FITCHBURG STATE	BA MED CAGS	ASST. SUPERINTENDENT
SCARPELLI	JENNIFER	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	PHYS ED
SCHAEFER	KATHY	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 5
SCHEUFELE	MICHELLE	EASTERN NAZARENE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 4
SCHIPPER	CHERYL	U.MASS/LOWELL	BS	SCIENCE/DEAN
SCOPELLETTI-HOWES	MARY	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 7
SCOTT	LEE	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	TITLE 1
SHAW	MELANIE	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GUIDANCE DIRECTOR
SHEA	BRIAN	UNIV. OF FLORIDA BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA MED	GRADE 3
SHEEHAN	JANICE	BRIDGEWATER STATE EASTERN NAZARENE COLL	BS MED	PRINCIPAL
SHERIDAN	PAMELA	FITCHBURG STATE COLL	BS	GRADE 1
SMITH	BRIAN	FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY	BA	SOCIAL STUDIES
SMITH	JESSICA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 1
SMITH-TAYLOR	DEBORAH	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	SPED
STANISH	PAUL	BRIDGEWATER STATE BOSTON STATE COLL	BS MED	PRINCIPAL
SULLIVAN	KATHLEEN	FITCHBURG STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 3
SUTNICK	MICHAEL	BOSTON CONSERVATORY ENDICOTT COLLEGE	B MUSIC MED	MUSIC

THOMPSON	CHERYL	UNIV OF NEBRASKA	BA	ART
TULLY	GWEN	MURRAY STATE UNIV. BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	ADJ.CNSLR
VAN ESSENDELFT	DEBRA	REGIS COLLEGE FITCHBURG STATE	BA MED	ALC
VLACHOS	DONNA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	TITLE 1
WAGNER	MARGARET	LOYOLA LOYOLA	BA MS	SPEECH
WALSH	KRISTEN	EMERSON COLLEGE	BA	ENGLISH
WALSH	THERESA	SIMMONS COLLEGE SIMMONS COLLEGE	BA MA	GRADE 5
WATKINS	SARAH	UNIVERSITY OF ALBANY SIENA COLLEGE	MA BA	SOCIAL STUDIES
WELLS	MARY	NORTHEASTERN UNIV. UMASS/AMHERST	BS MED	GRADE 3
WHELAN	LISA	MARIST COLLEGE NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BS MS/CAGS	PSYCHOLOGY
WHITE	LAWRENCE	U.MASS/BOSTON	BS	GRADE 7
WOODWARD	AMY	BRYN MAWR COLLEGE UNIV. OF PENN U.MASS BOSTON	AB JD MED	ENGLISH
YOFFE	RACHEL	BOSTON COLLEGE BOSTON COLLEGE	BA MED	GRADE 3

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

2009 Superintendent's Annual Town Report

Progress and Achievement:

2009 saw continued growth in curriculum coordination and academic rigor in Rockland Public Schools. An improved budgetary situation saw an increase in the ability of the district to provide pertinent Professional Development to the teaching staff at all levels. Curricular emphasis on English Language Arts continued at the elementary level as the Response To Intervention (RTI) Program entered its second year. This program gives each student an additional 45 minutes of instruction per day in Language Arts at their level and in small groups. At the Middle School, a full year remedial math course was instituted to help students prepare for the MCAS. At the High School, Health was reinstated as a subject for the first time in three years.

Beginning in September 2009, the district began a new emphasis on Mathematics. A half time elementary liaison position was created to ensure coordination between the three elementary schools. Teachers at the High School were trained over the summer in Pre-AP Math. Software was purchased to enable teachers to track student progress in Mathematics throughout the year. This software will be implemented in the Elementary and Middle Schools. Rockland Public Schools is committed to having every student reach their potential.

Budget and Finance:

This was a remarkable year in Rockland Public Schools. For the first time in 8 years, it was not necessary to lay off instructional staff to meet the costs of increased district expenses. In May, the taxpayers of Rockland voted a \$1.8 million operational override. This put the districts budget on a solid footing and avoided major lay-offs and the closing of the Jefferson School. In support of the districts budget, all of the districts collective bargaining units, led by the teachers, agreed to a one-year salary freeze. The combination of community support and employee contribution means that Rockland Public Schools should emerge from this recession intact, something that is rare in neighboring districts.

Each year Rockland Public Schools actively applies for all Federal and State grants that it is eligible for. Some of these grants are entitlement grants and some are competitive. Without them our Special Education and Title 1 departments would be in difficult financial shape. In 2009 the total of these grants was \$ 1,726,970.

Technology:

In the last two years, seven computer labs have been updated through a remarkable partnership between the school PACS, the Rockland Education Foundation and the District. Each of these has contributed over \$30,000 each to making this happen and, as a result, all of our students have up-to-date labs. We have an active, teacher-led Technology Committee and the next stage of our technology expansion has started, with the acquisition of SMART boards, document cameras, and LCD projectors. Our ability to put laptop computers in the classroom was enhanced by the donation of 90+ computers from EMD Serono.

Energy Conservation and Green Projects:

In 2009 the district saw tremendous progress in this area. A district wide conservation program resulted in a 15% reduction in electricity consumption. The Town Energy Committee wrote a grant which resulted in a \$180,000 solar power array being installed on the High School roof. This went on-line in September. A Department of Energy Resources grant written by the district will result in all the classroom windows being replaced at the Esten School in 2010 at no cost to the district. The district is also replacing inefficient fluorescent lighting through a grant from National Grid that will pay 70% of the project. A myriad of school cleaning chemicals have been replaced by a single cleaner system using a bio-safe peroxide based cleaner. The district will continue to look for ways to reduce energy consumption.

Building Project:

2009 saw the development of the building project from concept to reality. A remarkable amount of work was done over the summer as the concept changed from a single new middle school to a new middle school attached to a completely renovated Rockland High School. By the end of 2009, the architects were working hard on design, meeting with teachers and administrators in specialized disciplines such as Art, Physical Education, Music and Drama. Construction should begin in November 2010, with the middle school completed in September 2012 and the high school completed in April 2013.

The existing buildings continue to be well maintained and much credit is due to the maintenance staff and the custodial staffs of all of our schools.

Rockland Education Foundation:

The Rockland Education Foundation continues to be a vital force in our schools. In 2009, they contributed to many individual teacher projects which enrich the education of our students. In addition, they funded 50% of the cost of replacing the computer labs in the Esten and Memorial Park Schools. Their efforts are deeply appreciated by everyone in the district.

Retirements:

The following teachers retired during the 2009: Margaret Buckley, Pamela Worden, Margaret Bogus, Steven Lester, Marcia Grieves. They all made significant contributions to the education of the children of Rockland. Their experience and commitment will be missed.

Conclusion:

The financial support of the people of Rockland has ensured that Rockland Public Schools can move ahead as the recession ends and we hopefully move into a period of higher school funding. This support has translated into tremendous morale in the district and a commitment at every level to make sure that the tax-payers sacrifice is reflected in the best possible school system. The staff and students of Rockland Public Schools are moving quickly into the future and appreciate your support.

Respectfully submitted

John Retchless
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL, ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Rockland High School has completed another very successful year. The educational program continues to meet the diverse needs of the student population. The Academic Council, made up of parents, students, department chairpersons and teachers, continues to assess and revise curriculum to meet 21st Century Education Skills and the School Council continues to assess the total programs offered to Rockland High School Students.

During the past year, through the efforts of the Great Schools and SOS committees, the town's people of Rockland passed an override and this past fall a debt exclusion to build a new Middle School and renovate the High School. The building project will connect the new middle school to the high school which will create shared areas and enable the two schools to share faculty and programs in the future. As we enter a very exciting 2010 school year, the challenges to the Town of Rockland are great, but we must continue to provide the best quality education for our students. It will take a great deal of creative thought and support from the community and state for Rockland to continue the quality of education that our students so rightly deserve as we construct and renovate the Middle/High School complex.

The high school has begun the school's self-study in preparation for the May of 2011 NEASC evaluation visitation. The new Core Values, Beliefs, and Learning Expectations has been approved by the School Committee, School Council and the faculty of the high school which will be implemented starting in the Fall of 2010.

The educational programs of Rockland High School continue to flourish. A dedicated and hardworking faculty has made the following achievements possible:

1. Grade 9 Health Education and grade 10 Financial Literacy/Advanced Technology has been added to the curriculum this fall opposite Physical Education.
2. 88% of the Class of 2009 continued their education after graduation with students receiving acceptances to 72 different educational institutions including New York University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Quinnipiac University, Penn State, Tulane and University of Massachusetts Amherst to name a few.
3. The topic for this year's Spellman Oratorical Contest was "Rebels, Roustabouts, and Scoundrels: Voices of Literary Discontent." Eight seniors competed for \$1800.00 prize money. Winners of the contest were Maggie Schnider who took first place honors; second place went to Jessica Rayberg; third place was Daniel Foley; Kelsey Lewis came in fourth place; Craig Lyons was fifth; and Jake Carey, Talita Lopes, and Mychael-Lynne Folsom tied for sixth place. This year's speeches were articulate, erudite, and provocative.
4. "The Veritas", our school newspaper, continues to produce an award-winning school paper under the leadership of Madeline Lannin-Cotton and the Images Magazine, under the leadership of Amy Woodward, is a must read magazine.
5. Two juniors and twenty-eight sophomores received their academic "R" Lamp of Knowledge letter for earning honor roll status six consecutive terms or by making the honor roll ten times. The letter winners were honored at the Academic Awards/Academic Hall of Fame banquet, joining the 23 seniors, juniors and sophomores who had previously earned their "R" Lamp of Knowledge letter. The following graduates were inducted into the Academic Hall of Fame: Kathryn L. McEnelly-Gramling 1962, Susan Castleton-Ryan 1964, and Richard L. Feeney 1970.

6. The Music Department continues to prosper in numbers as our students continue to receive awards from SEMSBA and Jr. SEMSBA.
7. Carol Cahill and Matthew Harden directed another successful drama production “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown!” Both performances were practically sold out and student actors such as Kimberly Bilotas, Susan Allo, Estevao Figueiredo, Christian Malo, Richard Bernache, Haley Bent, Cassandra Bates and “Charlie Brown” Andrew Houldcroft thrilled the audience with their engaging performances. The production involved approximately 59 students, teachers, and community members.
8. The Superintendent’s Leadership Award went to Maura Corbett and Lindsey Murphy for academic excellence and leadership. The Principal’s Leadership Award went to Emily Veiga.
9. This fall, Ron Bersani and Jill O’Bryan presented to Rockland High School Juniors and Seniors “The dangers of drunk drivers from the victim’s view.” Students were also informed of the process and implementation of Melanie’s Law in Massachusetts.
10. Rockland High School Art students were recognized in state-wide and regional competitions. Winning awards at the Scholastic Art Boston Globe Show – Silver Key Winner Kayla Zwicker and in the Congressional Art Show. Devri Goodspeed and Taylor Smith received Honorable Mention in the Scholastic /Boston Art Show. Elisa Soper competed and was selected to the Art All-State.
11. During the month of November, Dominique DelPrete, grade 10, was selected to attend The Hugh O’Brien Leadership Conference and Shay Morton was chosen to represent Rockland High School at MassSTAR’s Citizenship Conference. Both were chosen from essays written on the topic of leadership. Faculty members read and rated the essays entered. Rockland was represented at Boys’ State by Sean Gibbons, Nicholas Catania, and Ryan Boughter and Girls’ State by Bridget Garrity and Casey Regan. The Post 147 American Legion sponsored two of these students
12. The Rockland Student Government, under the leadership of Mr. Rowe and Mr. Flanagan, continues to grow in student membership and their participation in events throughout the school community and state. Rockland was one of 16 schools trained in the National RSVP program and all students participated in three sessions of RSVP, meeting during the spring of 2009.

In closing, it is important to recognize on behalf of the students of Rockland High School that we all work together to ensure their needs are met to the best of our ability. Sincere thanks to Superintendent John Retchless, Assistant Superintendent Doric Scarpelli, and the School Committee for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen P. Sangster, Principal
Rockland High School

John W. Roger Middle School

2009 Annual Report

The John W. Rogers Middle School began the 2009 - 2010 school year with 578 students in grades 6, 7, & 8. The middle school curriculum is continually being revised, particularly in Mathematics, to assure that it is in alignment with the state curriculum frameworks, and to ensure that our students are prepared for the rigorous MCAS tests that are administered each spring. This past year, grades 6, 7, & 8 were all administered the Math, and English Language Arts tests. Grade 8 students were administered the Science and Technology test as well. The middle school continues to do well in the English Language tests. The middle school math scores continued to be an area of concern in 2009. The middle school was placed in Restructuring Year 1 in Math and Improvement Year 2 in English Language Arts. As a result of this Adequate Yearly Status (AYP) designation the Rogers Middle School has under taken steps to improve our AYP status. The position of Elementary/Middle School Math Coordinator was created to coordinate the instruction of math from grades 1 through 8 and to provide a seamless Math curriculum. The MCAS Prep Program which was not funded in the 2008-2009 school year was funded for the 2009-2010 school year with the purpose to identify those students who are in need of additional math instruction. In addition, all students at the middle school have online access to the Study Island Program. Study Island is a computer assisted instructional program that allows students to work at their own pace in the content areas of Math and English Language Arts. Students can access this program from their home computers as well as computers at the middle school. We have purchased the Galileo Program, which will enable the middle school to administer benchmark tests to all our students. The benchmark tests will enable the math department to gauge whether math instruction is being delivered consistently to all students.

The middle school faculty continues to attend a variety of professional development workshops, courses, and conferences to further enhance the students' educational experience at the middle school. A number of middle school staff continues to pursue their graduate degrees in education to maintain compliance with state certification requirements. There is a continued emphasis on professional development in the areas of mathematics and technology. The Rogers Middle School continues to be an active member in the New England League of Middle Schools, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators Association, as well as maintaining an association with the North River Collaborative. These associations provide a number of low/no cost professional development opportunities for staff as well as allowing Rogers Middle School staff an opportunity to share their ideas and experiences with other middle school staffs locally, nationally, and internationally. The middle school faculty continues to work towards achieving the required number of professional development hours required by state and federal law to maintain their license and standing as highly qualified teachers. The middle school has also form a Time and Learning Study Group to find ways to increase instructional time at the middle school. The middle school has also completely refurbished the computer lab on the basement level. The computer lab is now equipped with state of the art technology that is available to all classes.

The students at the Rogers Middle School participated in a variety of community service learning projects and co-curricula activities. The middle school continues have a strong and vibrant Student Council. Over the course of the school year the Student Council has undertaken community service projects that have benefited the Rockland Food Pantry and the Holiday Magic Project. The Student Council has been active in the middle school Anti-Bullying campaign and has advised Chartwells, the school systems food service provider, on

menu selections. The band and chorus continued to entertain us with outstanding performances and concerts. Our students participated in the *Patriot Ledger* "Spelling Bee" competition. Middle school students participated in intramural programs, and a number of after-school programs including the Mad Scientist program, French and Spanish Clubs and the Art Club these clubs are sponsored by the Rogers Middle School PAC. Other middle school achievements include the induction of 35 students from grades 6, 7, 8 into the Rogers Middle School National Junior Honor Society. Once again the Rogers Middle School submitted and entry into the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center's annual Public Service Announcement contest. The Rogers Middle School placed second in a very tough competition that included middle and high schools from across the commonwealth.

We continue to have students lead the Pledge of Allegiance and morning announcements. These activities provide confidence and public speaking skills.

In August, the middle school held an Orientation Program for incoming grade 6 students. This program provided the students with an opportunity to become acquainted with one another, staff and the physical facility before the school year began. In September, the middle school held it's annual "*Back to School Night*."

The middle school staff wants to acknowledge the Rogers Middle School PAC for their outstanding efforts to promote school spirit among the students. Some of the year's highlights include the sold out "*Shamrock Classic*" basketball game between students and faculty and the "*School Spirit Week*". Members of the PAC continued to place our newsletter online, and raise funds for school events. The middle school PAC is truly part of the middle school community. We are thankful for their continued efforts to make the Rogers Middle School an important part of the community. We also thank the Rockland Education Foundation for their continued support in providing funding through grants for special classroom and school-wide projects. Our students have enjoyed cultural programs and experienced hands on learning activities as a result of these grants. This past year would not have been successful without the continued support of the School Committee, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, PAC, School Council, and the Rockland community.

In November the voters of Rockland supported and passed a debt exclusion override that clears the way for a new middle school to be built as well as a completely renovated high school. Both buildings will be connected and will share common space such as the library and auditorium. When completed both buildings will be the epi-center of 21st century learning for students in grades 5 through 12. The Rogers Middle School staff thanks the voters of Rockland for their strong and continued support of this school building project.

We thank Superintendent John Retchless and Assistant Superintendent Doric Scarpelli as well as the Rockland School Committee for their support and assistance this past year. We will continue to work with them, through the difficult financial times ahead of us, to provide the best possible education and educational environment for the students at the Rogers Middle School.

Finally, we wish Mrs. Margaret Bogus and Mrs. Pamela Worden well in their retirement. Mrs. Bogus and Mrs. Worden were tireless in their devotion to the students and citizens of Rockland. We wish them good health and many happy years with their families.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stanish, Principal
John W. Rogers Middle School

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' REPORT

2009

The staff members of all three elementary schools have been working closely and cooperatively this year to improve instruction for all students. Response to Intervention (R.T.I.) is now in its third year and the teachers continue to implement new strategies to help their children read and write successfully. The R.T.I. intervention blocks continue to provide students with the skills necessary to improve phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Mrs. Lee Scott, the R.T.I. Coordinator, meets with the elementary teachers each week to review data and insure that the curriculum is meeting the students' needs. As a result, the program has proven to be very effective.

The appointment of Mrs. Colleen Forlizzi as the math liaison between the elementary schools and the Rogers Middle School has been a positive force in aiding the staff toward improving math instruction for their students. Under Mrs. Forlizzi's direction, an Elementary Math Committee has been formed to investigate new programs that would integrate the Massachusetts Math Standards into the local curriculum. With her enthusiasm and drive she has energized the teaching staff and has become a valuable addition to the elementary staff.

The staff has participated in in-house and district-wide professional development activities again this year. In addition, many teachers have participated in out-of-district workshops sponsored by various organizations including the North River Collaborative. The focus this year has revolved around mathematics and reading.

The Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) at each of the elementary schools have been actively fundraising to provide all students with worthwhile cultural and educational programs. The parent volunteers from each school donated numerous hours to make sure that the students were provided with field trips, community events, holiday celebrations, field days and extra help in their classrooms and libraries.

The Rockland Education Foundation awarded the three elementary schools grant money totaling over \$15,000.00 as a result of grant proposals that were submitted by staff members. The programs and materials that were funded will enrich the educational experiences of all of the elementary students. This year the REF received an unexpected donation that enabled them to donate an additional \$1,000.00 to each elementary school to creatively support educational programs.

The introduction of interactive SMARTBoards and Document Cameras into the elementary classrooms has affected the way that our teachers are teaching and the way that our students are accessing information. Mr. Tim Wells, our Technology Coordinator, is working closely with the teachers on the Technology Committee to insure that our students are prepared for the 21st Century.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Gerald Kohn, Jefferson School Co-Principal
Dr. Robert Levine, Jefferson School Co-Principal
Mrs. Carol McGrath, R. Stewart Esten School Principal
Mrs. Janice Sheehan, Memorial Park School Principal

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

The Guidance Department currently consists of two full time counselors, one half time and one 1/7th time. Mrs. Melanie Shaw, the Guidance Director, continues to perform the administrative duties of the department, including management of AP testing, SAT's, and PSAT's, and acts as SSD coordinator. In addition to the duties of a guidance director, Mrs. Shaw has a student caseload of the entire senior class, approximately 133 students this year. Mrs. Black's caseload includes all juniors and half of the sophomore class. Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Black plan and organize the administration of all MCAS testing for the high school. Mr. Graziano spends 1-2 periods a day in guidance and has a caseload of one half of the sophomore class. Ms. Davidson continues to split her time between the middle school, serving both the 8th and 9th grade. Ms. Davidson also processes all South Shore Vocational School applications, private school applications, and all PCC applications.

We continue to have the resources of Mrs. Lisa Whelan and Dr. Stephen Hughes, School Psychologists, one day per week for testing and limited consultation on specific student cases. Mrs. Freea Leahy joined Rockland Public Schools this year and serves as the school social worker for the middle and high school population, as well as a resource to all other schools. Mrs. Carol DelPrete is our department secretary and, while facilitating the day to day operation of the department, also has large responsibilities in the college application process and the town scholarships. Mrs. Nancy Borden, North River Collaborative, continues to provide invaluable vocational advising and evaluation to referred students, as well as organizing group career activities in the classrooms with the counselors.

Due to large caseloads, the counselors have made an attempt to spend more time in the classrooms in order to deliver more information regarding career exploration and post high school educational opportunities. The teachers have been very accepting and understand the value of the guidance programs. Topics often include study skills, adjustment to high school, valuable websites, vocational search activities, self-evaluation, college search programs and more. Approximately 70 sophomores participate in the Job Shadow Program each year, which is coordinated by Mrs. Borden and the sophomore counselors.

Other activities, which are ongoing throughout the year, include development of new courses by the various departments, resulting in a revised Program of Studies each year, student course advising and selection. All counselors are involved in career inventories, awareness of opportunities and career planning. All counselors are responsible for keeping accurate student records, child study meetings, 504 plans, court referrals, CHINS petitions, 51A reports to DCF, home tutoring and more.

All counselors meet with the nurse and assistant principal weekly as part of the Learning Assistance Team. The team receives referrals of concern from teachers, who also are encouraged to attend the meeting, and develops an action plan to assist the students. Issues may include attendance, poor grades, and emotional and psychological concerns.

The Guidance Department continues to explore new technology and websites that inform and assist students in college search, vocational/career search, financial aid opportunities and the college financing process. Counselors continue to attend South Shore Guidance Counselor meetings to meet college representatives and to "compare notes" with other school counselors.

Highlights of the past year:

- *Counselors use the CIS information program, which ties in with the Quincy and Plymouth Career Centers, to search careers and college information.
- *Counselors have begun to use the Naviance Program for college/career search and record keeping.
- *Several free programs are offered to our students during the year by Monster.com:

Freshman: Making High School Count
Juniors: Making Your College Search Count
Seniors: Making College/Career Count

- *Senior and Junior parents are encouraged to attend College Financing information nights hosted by the Guidance Department. The program is offered by MEFA, Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority.
- *Counselors participate in the 8th grade orientation night each year.
- *Counselors sponsor a Program of Studies night for parents in March, during which the class requirements and elective opportunities are explained.
- *Counselors are familiarizing themselves with the Massachusetts School Counselors (MASCA) guidance model through professional conferences. The model assists counselors in basing class programs on benchmarks set by the Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Schools, and in interfacing guidance curriculum with the subject frameworks. Time is being spent developing a guidance department mission statement and evaluating our current curriculum.
- *The Guidance Department continues to work together with the teachers and administration to provide a coordinated program of school guidance, career awareness and post high school educational opportunities for each student.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Shaw
Guidance Director

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

The Pupil Personnel Services Department oversees the implementation of many of Rockland's exemplary programs and services for students. It maintains a balance between providing for the increasing severity of student needs with the increasing accountability demands of both the state and federal governments in an era of limited financial resources. ARRA funds are being used to maintain programs, provide for professional development, and build capacity to serve students in the district. For students who are Medicaid eligible, we have implemented a new reporting procedure to comply with the new regulations pertaining to Medicaid reimbursement.

Special education continues to be the predominant area of Pupil Personnel Services. A major focus of the 2009 year was the completion of training and professional development relative to the Coordinated Program Review conducted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in December of 2007. We received the first draft of our report in February and the approval of our action plan in June of 2009. We have now completed all of our required activities. In September of 2009, we began the transition to the new Individual Educational Program (IEP) and have been working to transition all data and become proficient in the new computer program. We successfully completed our first "Circuit Breaker" audit which reimburses the district for some of the costs of special education placements.

At the elementary level, the special education department continues to work with general education and Title I teachers to implement Response to Intervention (RtI) and begin its expansion to mathematics. We have also added an additional special education classroom at the elementary level in an effort to serve more and more of our students within the district.

At the middle school level, a new grant has been written and awarded to provide individualized mathematics instruction modules to students. The staff has worked diligently to prepare for a new middle school and the programs and services that will be able to be managed in the new site. Mr. Stanish, Ms. Bohn, and I have also begun work on a new program that is needed for students who will be transitioning to the middle school next year.

At the High School, special education has been busy with examining student needs to ensure that we can serve more students in the district, particularly those with mental health needs, and in working with students, families and outside agencies to successfully transition students upon completing their high school years. The addition of a school social worker has been very instrumental in beginning to better meet the needs of our students and families with mental health concerns.

A new Pre-kindergarten to grade three grant has been received which will enable us to study the curriculum, instruction and assessment used in special education and general education. It is a new grant and we expect to utilize the study group to focus on mathematics instruction. The EASE program has maintained its accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Accreditation by NAEYC is an additional approval beyond the requirements put forth by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Office of Early Childhood and Care for preschool programs.

We continue to serve students who fall under the auspices of the McKinney-Vento (education of homeless students) Act by coordinating services, providing transportation and ensuring that all homeless students continue to have an uninterrupted education by either remaining in Rockland or working with their new place of residence.

We continue to provide services to a growing number of students whose first language is not English (English Language Learners or ELL). We have completed a review of our program and are pleased with the successes of our students. We have developed a working curriculum for ELL students, revised our assessment practices, and our ELL teachers have received training to administer the state-mandated assessments. In addition, many more of our general education teachers have participated in trainings designed to enable them to better serve students in sheltered English immersion classrooms (SEI).

Our nursing, guidance and psychological staff continue to provide for the needs of our students outside of the typical classroom/educational realm and provide a necessary and helpful linkage to the community as a whole. In addition to what would typically be considered normal nursing duties, the nursing staff works with the principals to ensure those students who require home and/or hospital tutoring are provided with a quality program. Nurses provide the connection with the student's physician and may assist in setting up the tutoring. The mental health needs of our students are managed by the school guidance counselors, social worker interns, the new high school social worker, and psychologists in consultation with the families and any outside therapists the students and/or families may have. We have also begun a partnership with South Bay Mental Health to provide services for students and families.

Finally, for those parents who choose to home school or privately school their children we provide linkages to the school system to help ascertain and provide for the student's educational needs. The Pupil Personnel Services department is privileged to be a part of the Rockland Public Schools in its efforts to provide a variety of quality educational opportunities for the students of Rockland.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Salem
Director Pupil Personnel Services

BUILDING & GROUNDS

END OF YEAR REPORT 2009

1. Work on the feasibility report for the school building project.
2. Solarvoltaic panels on the Rockland High School auditorium roof.
3. Lighting retrofit project with National Grid.
4. Installing energy saving gas hot water heater at Esten School.
5. Paving projects at Jefferson, Memorial Park, and Rogers Middle Schools.
6. Paint project – windows and trim at Memorial Park School.
7. New floor in cafeteria at Memorial Park School.
8. Carpet in three classrooms at Rogers Middle School.
9. Resurfaced stage floor high school auditorium.
10. Work on energy grant – doors and windows at Esten School.

Ken Dunn
Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

ROCKLAND DAY CARE

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Rockland Public Schools Daycare operates out of the McKinley Community Center. The Daycare programs are for children ages (3) months thru grade (5). The programs are located at the Community Center serve children from (3) months through Kindergarten. After school care is also provided at each of the three elementary schools for students in grade one through five.

At Rockland Daycare we provide a safe, nurturing and learning environment where children can develop to their fullest potential. Recognizing the cultural diversity and individuality of each child and family situation, we understand differences and make a sincere effort to relate to parents and their children according to their physical, intellectual and social needs.

This year our main focus is to have our staff complete a training process that would earn them a CDA (Child Development Associate). Daycare Aides have enrolled in trainings that are related to CDA Competency Goals that would allow them to maintain a stronger more positive program to continue to plan Developmentally Appropriate Practices within the daycare setting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Veiga, Rockland Day Care Director

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Rockland High School Athletic programs continued to be competitive in 2009 in the Patriot League and also in non-league competition. Our boys & girls soccer teams qualified for tournament play and the girls' team won the Fisher Division Championship. Our football team also won the Fisher Division Championship and played in a post- season playoff game. Individual highlights were our wrestler, Petros Hologitas who won the States, All-States and New England Championships. Petros was recognized by the Boston Globe as the wrestler of the year. Our girls' basketball team qualified for state tournament play.

The sports program at Rockland High School continues to be successful at teaching sportsmanship, honesty, and integrity. We are fortunate to have a coaching staff that instills these qualities to our athletes and program. These values are carried with each graduating student athlete when they leave Rockland. One of the major reasons for our continued success is due to our coaching staff, administrators, and parental support.

As special thank you goes out to our Athletic Boosters for there continued support. We would also like to thank the volunteers that have helped throughout the year with repairs and odd jobs and anything asked of them. Without all these people we would not have accomplished these important tasks for our student athletes.

We will be moving to the South Shore League in the fall season of 2010. We feel this league is better suited to our athletes for equal competition and success.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Graziano
Athletic Director

WRPS STATION MANAGER

2009 was a year of progress and change for WRPS. The Assistant to the Station Manager resigned in September and was replaced by Rich Salvucci, who is working out very well. Coinciding with that change in personnel were changes in the radio station's audio editing software and playlist, both of which are now a larger part of the Assistant's responsibilities.

The station staff was and is involved in the planning for and construction of the new Memorial Stadium press box. The project is still underway at this time. The station manager is also closely involved in the planning for the RHS renovation project, which will involve the relocation of the station to the current RHS library. The Manager worked very closely with the Great Schools, Great Town campaign in helping them craft a video program used as part of the effort to get taxpayer approval for the school building project. Finally, the station's responsibilities were further broadened last year as the Manager assumed the position of Technical Manager for the RHS Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

David Cable-Murphy
Station Manager, WRPS



Richard B. Salvucci
Assistant to Station Manager

HEALTH SERVICES, NURSE LEADER

School nurses now play a crucial role in the children's primary and preventative health care. More children with chronic illness and special health care needs are entering public schools and are mainstreamed into regular classes. School nursing is now a specialty in the nursing field. School nurses have added responsibilities of dealing with the issues of physical and sexual abuse, Hepatitis B, HIV, sexually transmitted disease, homelessness, chronic illness, and increasing problems of eating disorders, ADHD, and depression.

The school nurse is a liaison between education and health care, providing a link between school, home, and the community. This year the school nurses along with the public health nurses and the board of health worked together at two H1N1 clinics, one was held in Rockland and one was held in Abington. We saw well over one hundred people at these very successful clinics.

It is with great pride that our nurses' are looking forward to the building of the new middle school and the much needed high school renovations.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Ryan, RN
Head School Nurse

FOOD SERVICES DIRECTOR

Accomplishments:

- Leadership: New foodservice director (Adele Leonard) has worked Positively with the district staff since the beginning of this SY-2010.
 - More effective approach to operational issues
 - Strong team effort and continuity
 - Change in certain key leadership positions has contributed Positively to improved moral and efficiency.
- Meals and Sales (beginning SY-2010):
 - Prices of ala Carte items were reviewed (with some altered) to best Maximize the sales of the reimbursable meal.
 - New products have been introduced to enhance student meal sales.
 - Parents of students with unpaid charges are consistently notified via “Connect-Ed”
- Partnership with the high school store: Purchasing products and supplying guidance.
- Operations: (Current SY-2010)
 - While the number of paid student meals continues its downward trend, food and labor costs are currently 13% lower this SY compared to the previous year.
 - By the end of the first half of SY-2010, all operational and labor costs are lower compared to YTD previous year.

Action Plan for the Future:

- The director will maintain involvement, as appropriate, with the new construction project.
- Students and district staff will be encouraged to participate in focus groups for their input in the menu
- In view of current meal trends, the department will continue to strategize to reduce overall product costs and maximize donated USDA commodities.

CLASS OF 2009 GRADUATION LIST
 Rockland High School
 Rockland, MA 02370



Graduation Date: Saturday, June 6, 2009



Jacob	Roland	Aguiar	Matthew	Blair	Gibbons
Gerard	Paul	Ahern	†* Sean	Patrick	Gray
† Lindsey	Rose	Anderton	†* Tyler	James	Graziano
Joseph	James	Bates	†* Benjamin	James	Greer
†* Lindsey	Ann	Beary	† Jordan	Danielle	Hackett
CarolAnne	Marie	Beaucaire	†* Jordan	Alexandra	Hall
†* Rachele	Lynn	Bernache	Joseph	Lester	Harlow
Caitlin	Noelle	Bille	Jacob	Marley	Hayden
† Christine	Mary	Bilotas	Thomas	Jefferson	Hedges
Robert	Benjamin	Birt	Rachel	Elizabeth	Hines
Brittany	Lee	Botto	Chase	Anthony	Hoffman
Siobhan	Margaret	Brady	† Petros	Dimitrios	Hologitas
Kaitlyn	Marie	Buote	Christopher	Isaiah	Horte
†* Courtney	Leonard	Burns	† James	Joseph	Hudson
† Nicholas	Ian	Cadogan	Matthew	James	Ingeno
† Jake	W.	Carey	Cayla	Richelle	Jacobs
† Paul	F.	Carley, Jr.	Nicole	Marie	Jenkinson
Caitlin	Jean	Carley	Joshua	Michael	Johnson
† Cory	Robert	Comeau	Alyson	Marie	Johnston
Keith	Richard	Connors	Amanda	Marie	Kannenber
James	Lee	Cook	Brian	Daniel	Kelliher
† Sara	Beth	Corey	Gregory	Edward	Kelliher
† Alyssa	Courtney	Corriveau	Shannon	Margaret	Kelly
Nathan	Tisdale	Coulsey	Sarah	Ellen	Kilduff
Donald	Gilmore	Cowing	† Emily	Niccole	Kirslis
† Douglas	Charles	Cowing	† Heather	Ann	Knight
† Krystal	Debra	Cowing	Ashley	Frances	Lane
†* Nicholas	Edward	Cristoforo	†* Kelsey	Patrice	Lewis
† Amanda	Eileen	Cronin	† Nicholas	Francesco	Liuzza
† Andrew	Paul	Daigle	†* Talita	Jordão	Lopes
Emilee	Alysa	Damon	Christopher	Daniel	Lucas
†* Leah	Jane	Damon	† Craig	D.	Lyons
Gregory	Paul	Davidson	† Leah	Rose	Macone
Scott	Russell	DeFranc	John	Robert	Mahoney
Justin	Donald	DeLong	† Michael	Richard	Mallar
Brandon	Matthew	Dern	Stephanie	Vasilliki	Manikas
Rebeca	Pereira	DoCarmo	John	Joseph	Manning
Robert	Michael	Downey	Kyle	Joseph	McDonald
†* Steven	Michael	DuRoss	Jonathan	M.	McKeown
†* Jennifer	Rachel	Ellis	Anthony	Michael	McLaughlin
†* Ryan	Levy	Ellis	†* Colleen	Mary	McPartlin
Lincoln	Henrique Dias	Faria	Krystielee		Melchione
† Steven	Enrico	Favazza	Corey	John	Mileski
Craig	Andrew	Fernandes	Thomas	Michael	Molloy, Jr.
Michael	Christopher	Fitzgerald	Brian	David	Montanaro
†* Daniel	Christopher	Foley	Brendan	Michael	Moore
†* Mychal-Lynne		Folsom	Meaghan	Marie	Morrissey
Samantha	Lynn	Forest	† Amy	Elizabeth	Murphy
Luis	Mathew	Fortes	Matthew	Allan	Murphy
Jessica	Marie	Fulmine	†* Megan	Katherine	Murphy

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Jeffrey	Joseph	Gardner	Kristin	Amber	Murray
James	Augustus	Giannotti	† Kathryn	Elizabeth	Najarian
† James	D.	Nelson	† Michael	Joseph	Shanahan
Vinh	Bao	Nguyen	Brady	Patrick	Sheehan
Brian	William	Nicholson	†* James	Michael	Sheehan
Kevin	Thomas	O'Keefe	Merry	Carolyn	Sheehan
Nicole		Pagaduan	Philip	William Arthur	Sheehan
†* Kara	Elizabeth	Pantano	Kaylee	Nicole	Silcox
† Jessica	Frances	Parkinson	Jamie	Lee	Silvia
†* Merielle	Melissa	Paul	Joseph	Matthew	Silvia
Alexandra	Rae	Penwarden	Caroline	Regina	Snow
† Megan	Elizabeth	Pratt	Mohamed	Lamine	Soltani
Jessica	Lee	Rayberg	Kennan	Ross	Startzell
Jeffrey	Michael	Reardon	Tyler	Michael	Stewart
Andrew	James	Reed	† Adam	T.	Straughn
Justin	Anthony	Reed	Andrew	Edward	Stuart
†* Michael	Joseph	Remmes	Rose	Anne	Sullivan
†* Christopher	Thomas	Rice	† Sarah	Emily	Sweeney
†* Patrick	Michael	Rice	† Joshua	James	Tamborella
† Eric	Joseph	Richard, Jr.	Trevor	Logan	Tape
Shantelle	Marie	Roache	Maureen	Elizabeth	Thompson
Megan	Kayce	Roberts	Kimberly	Lynne	Towle
† Victoria	Maria	Ronan	† Timothy	Joel	Valle
† Christina	Marie	Rose	Robert	Valentino	Vazquez, Jr.
Shawn	Daniel	Ryan	Heather	Anne	Walsh
† Marisa	Tirina	Sances	James	Patrick	Walsh, Jr.
Christopher	D.	Saucier	†* Ashleigh	Pilar	Wilkie
Stephanie		Schneider	Alyssa	Marie	Wilson
†* Maggie	Elizabeth	Schnider	† Stacy	Lee	Wladyszewski
Michael	Douglas	Schofield	Vanessa	A.	Wright

† Academic Achievement

* National Honor Society

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROCKLAND TOWN REPORT

During the 2009 year, many challenges and much change have taken place at the South Shore Regional Vocational School. With the fiscal outlook being a serious concern, the staff and communities have pulled together to see that all students attending South Shore receive the best possible vocational education that can be delivered.

On June 5, 2009, 29 graduates from Rockland received diplomas and shop certificates at the South Shore Music Circus. The following students graduated:

<i>Eric Austin</i>	<i>Rachel Barclay</i>	<i>Shawn Benduzek</i>
<i>Justin Cara</i>	<i>Dylan Carpino</i>	<i>Joseph Concannon</i>
<i>Francis Correia</i>	<i>Mary-Kate Costello</i>	<i>Taylor Davidson</i>
<i>Ariel Feldman</i>	<i>Jason Fisher</i>	<i>Ashley Guzman</i>
<i>Angeline Hernandez-Camacho</i>	<i>Zacharie Howard</i>	<i>Aaron Johnson</i>
<i>Joshua Lundquist</i>	<i>Ashley Manning</i>	<i>James Manning III</i>
<i>Taylor Millar</i>	<i>Frank Mogavero</i>	<i>Alex Moon</i>
<i>Stephen Sawyer</i>	<i>Tyler Sheehan</i>	<i>Jonathan Sullivan</i>
<i>Steven Swiatek</i>	<i>Justin Taylor</i>	<i>Robert Terry</i>
<i>Timothy Whalen</i>	<i>Jonathan Whittall</i>	

Currently, 34 students from the Town of Rockland are scheduled to graduate on June 11, 2010.

<i>Andrew Barry</i>	<i>Jonathan Buresh</i>	<i>Nicholas Butts</i>
<i>Sarah Carpenter</i>	<i>Nathan Cellini</i>	<i>Shane Chiasson</i>
<i>Jake Chraska</i>	<i>Corey Dagesse</i>	<i>Thomas Doyle</i>
<i>Corey Ferland</i>	<i>Jesse Ferland</i>	<i>Larissa Ferriera</i>
<i>Charles Fuery</i>	<i>Jamie Gauthier</i>	<i>Martina Giannetti</i>
<i>Adrienne Grisolia</i>	<i>Margaret Horan</i>	<i>Daniel Krahe</i>
<i>Zachary Laznick</i>	<i>Bridget Loughlin</i>	<i>Mary Loughlin</i>
<i>Kenneth Lowe</i>	<i>Scott Lowe</i>	<i>Kristine MacDonald</i>
<i>Casey Mansfield</i>	<i>Rebecca Moore</i>	<i>Sean Murphy</i>
<i>Anthony Ricciardi</i>	<i>Cristian Ryan</i>	<i>Courtney Summers</i>
<i>Alex Thompson</i>	<i>Julieann Tuffo</i>	<i>Jesse Tufts</i>
<i>David Wladyszewski</i>		

During the summer recess, facilities upgrades took place in our science lab and cosmetology shop. The parking lot was paved. Exterior doors were upgraded and the usual painting and cleaning took place as well. With a building now 47 years old, maintenance issues are planned on a regular basis. Also scheduled on the horizon, with voter approval, will be the replacement of the roof and windows through the assistance of the Massachusetts School Building Authority. This project just recently completed the feasibility study phase and now will be moving onto the design phase.

As educational demands continue to rise, South Shore students continue to meet these demands. This year, 31 students will receive the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for scoring in the top 25% of their class. Increased enrollment of graduates attending post secondary 2-year and 4-year colleges has increased in this past year.

The South Shore School District is represented by eight appointed School Committee members from each town's Selectmen's office:

Gerald Blake, Chairman – Rockland
Robert Heywood – Hanover
Lenwood Thompson – Abington
James Rodick – Hanson

John Manning, Vice Chairman – Scituate
Daniel Salvucci – Whitman
Robert Molla – Norwel
Kenneth Thayer – Cohasset

It is no surprise that the down turn of the economy has placed a hardship on us all in some way, shape or form. South Shore will continue to work with our eight member towns and take a proactive stance in monitoring budget issues. Over the years, our member towns have supported our budget and it is much appreciated. We must continue to have an open line of communication with our elected officials and support our towns when possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Blake

Town Representative
South Shore Regional School District Committee

ROCKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Rockland:

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Rockland Housing Authority for the year 2010. The Board of Commissioners meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, alternating between the Studley Court and Garden Terrace Community Rooms.

The staff consists of:

Executive Director
Leased Housing Administrator
Financial Bookkeeper
Maintenance Supervisor
Part Time Maintenance Mechanic

The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 30, 2009, and the following officers were elected:

Chairman
Vice Chairman/State Appointee
Treasurer
Vice Treasurer
Affirmative Action Officer
Resident Commissioner

Rita M. Howes
Robert A. Sullivan
Mary Jane Letizia
John Rogers
Irene Boudrot

The State and Federal Programs administered by the Authority are as follows:

State (400-1)	Elderly/Disabled	42
State (MRVP/MHFA)	Family/Elderly	20
Federal (133-1)	Elderly/Handicapped/Disabled	40
Federal (Section-8V)	Elderly/Disabled/Family	<u>154</u>
Total Units Administered		256

We are under the jurisdiction of the State Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and are audited by these agencies.

Waiting Lists

The Studley Court and Garden Terrace waiting lists are the only open lists at this time. Currently there are 332 applicants on the list for Garden Terrace and 254 applicants on the list for Studley Court.

The Section 8, MRVP and AHVP Waiting List are closed.

The Rockland Housing Foundation, Inc., a non-profit affiliate of the Rockland Housing Authority, was established on April 24, 1998, in order to further address the housing needs of the citizens of Rockland.

Our Chairman of the Board, Mr. Eldridge Buffum passed away October 7, 2009, he was a very dedicated man, and devoted a lot of his time to the needs of the Elderly, we miss him.

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the Staff and Board of Commissioners for their assistance and dedication this past year. I also extend my thanks to the Rockland Fire Department, the Rockland Police Department, the Rockland Water and Sewer Departments, and the Rockland Highway Department for their service and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Gunderway, PHM, MPHA
Executive Director

ROCKLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

I hereby submit the annual report of the Conservation Commission for the year 2009. The Rockland Conservation Commission serves an important role in the community and within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as they are the Administrator of the state's Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Rivers Protection Act, the newly promulgated Stormwater Regulations and the local Wetlands Protection By-Law in the Town of Rockland. Under these laws, bylaw and regulations, the Conservation Commission processes many permit applications every year to work in or near vegetated wetlands, floodplains, rivers, riverfront areas and streams. The veteran seven member volunteer board meets twice each month to guarantee compliance with administrative time requirements. They are assisted by a part time Secretary paid for by the Conservation Commission funds. The current Commissioners are:

Douglas Golemme, Chair
Roland Pigeon, Secretary
Lorraine Pratt
Virginia Hoffman

Charlene Judge, Vice Chair
Andy Triantaffelow, Enforcement Officer
Victor Solari

In 2009, the Commission investigated all citizen complaints regarding potential wetland violations; inspected properties for Building Permit issuances; considered and issued Certificates of Compliance; Determinations of Applicability; Orders of Conditions; Orders of Resource Area Delineation; and represented the Town of Rockland in Department of Environmental Protection Superseding Decisions and Enforcement Cases. Through M.G.L Chapter 44 Section 53G, the Commission collected Consultant Review Fees from applicants to hire technical experts in the fields of permitting, wetland science, stormwater management, oils and hazardous materials and wildlife management to review and render professional opinions that were needed to ultimately render a defensible decision. Taking advantage of this lawful opportunity saves the Town of Rockland significant money that would typically be used for the funding a Conservation Agent position or outside legal counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Golemme, Chair

TRENCH PERMITS

As of January 1, 2009 the permitting authority for trenches collected a total of \$1,650.00. This procedure has been in place for one (1) year now, for construction-related purposes in accordance with Chapter 81A of the Massachusetts General Laws. Under the new regulation, a trench is defined as a subsurface excavation greater than 3' in depth, and is 15 feet or less between soil walls as measured from the bottom.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ruble
Trench Inspector

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

The requirements established by the Federal Department of Homeland Security and the State Emergency Planning Committee have increased in several categories and continue with constant revision. Requirements dealing with the planning process to which the Town must comply increasingly emphasize regional planning and communication and encourage multi-community planning. Federal grants for smaller communities have been reduced in size and awards are being directed toward large cities as they seem to be more at risk.

The Director has again attended MEMA meetings in Bridgewater and has attended training sessions in Taunton, Marlborough, Harwich, Plymouth, and Framingham.

Most of the town employees and officials have completed the requirements of the Federal Government: the National Incident Management System and to the appropriate level of the Incident Command System, both of which are required for all first responder and administrative personnel. New employees must be certified as soon as possible. The Town certificates of completion for those who have met the requirements has been filed as required by presidential directive. School personnel have met the requirements through a federal grant awarded to the North River Collaborative and need to complete paper work filing with the Director. Several Town officials will need to meet the basic requirements in order to meet the annual reporting requirement as will one or two command personnel. In this requirement if the Federal training mandate is not met it is indicated that there could be a negative influence on Federal grant and Homeland Security funding.

The Citizen Emergency Response Team has taken steps to becoming functional. As noted in the last annual report this program will provide individuals trained in disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, terrorism, and CERT organization and be available to assist where needed in emergency or other types of situations and should be available to assist in the operation of the emergency dispensing sites being developed through the MA Board of Health. Deputy Fire Chief Ferguson will be asked to assist in the recruitment of volunteers and in the screening and training process. It should be noted that all volunteers must pass a background check as they will be assisting with young children and the elderly and will be entering private areas when needed.

The Rockland Auxiliary Police continues to provide regular back-up to the Police Department. The members all complete an annual firearm's qualification, certification in CPR/AED and as first responders, and an annual in-service program. This year's in-service includes First Aid, CPR/AED, Criminal Procedure, Motor Vehicle Law, Dangerous Assessment and Strangulation, Defensive Tactics and Range 3000. The officers assisted at the following activities:

Memorial Day Parade, Citizen's Scholarship Toll Booths, Special Education Parent's Advisory Council Toll Booths, So. Shore Regional Vocational School Toll Booth and the Christmas Stroll. The Veterans' Day Parade was held in Abington and for the first time since the parade began no outside assistance was requested.

Assistance was also provided officers to a number of out of town activities and compassionate assistance was provided at some funerals.

The Auxiliary provides two fully equipped cruisers and manpower back up on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights or other times as determined by the Chief of Police. This continues to provide many thousand hours of unpaid service to the community. The Emergency Management Agency is capable of operating two cruisers of recent vintage. Unfortunately we have had to cut back on service because budgetary limitations. Gasoline prices have made it impossible to operate two cars for the full year and we have been able to supply fuel for only one vehicle. Budget shortages have also has limited the reimbursement of Auxiliary officers who must provide all of their own equipment and are responsible for their required training costs. The up-front expenses have impacted the number of applications of new officers and the movement of some officers to other towns. A substantial number of auxiliary officers have gone to the regular department as Permanent Intermittent officers. Local applicants to replace them have been very limited. Many applicants are parts of other emergency services and have not normally been selected. The cadre of older officers has not been possible to maintain and the resulting turnover produces some instability.

A great deal of attention has been paid to the possibility of flu or other pandemic and detailed plans have been prepared for two emergency dispensing sites with the leadership provided by the Board of Health.

Continued arrangements exist with the School Department, the American Red Cross, and the school bus contractor for the operation of certified shelters should their need arise.

Unfortunately the diesel generator procured by through a federal grant and funds from the equipment budget remains unconnected to the Town Hall power panel. A consultant has indicated that the panel system will have to be updated or replaced. Lack of substantial funding required keeps this unaccomplished. It is still possible to use the generator, but only with portable lighting equipment..

The Rockland Comprehensive Emergency Plan update was upgraded further. However new guidelines make more revision required and some shortcomings in the connections with the State computer system will result in a new format being introduced in the near future.

The Director has continued working on a mitigation plan for the area between Studley's Pond and the wastewater treatment plant. It is hoped that this will make it possible if is accepted to obtain some assistance in repairing the dam under Market Street. It would appear that the Town assumed responsibility for repair in the 1950's after the dam washed out in a hurricane. We are hoping to obtain some relief from the judgment holding the Town responsible for repairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Bowles
Director

REPORT OF THE ROCKLAND LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Local Emergency Planning Committee operates under the requirements of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) and Title III: The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). The Committee is mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and has ten specific categories of governmental and private sector personnel who are *required* to participate. These include Law Enforcement, Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, Health Care, Hazardous Materials (businesses that generate Hazmat materials), Public Safety Communications, Public Health, Public Works (Highway, Water, and Sewer), and Government Administrative (Administrator, Selectmen, Accountant, Building, etc.). In addition service clubs (Lions, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce and others) and other civic groups are encouraged to participate on the Committee.

The LEPC meets quarterly in general session with all meetings posted and open to the public. In addition the LEPC may meet in executive session for planning and setting guidelines for information that is of a security nature. The LEPC and the Fire Department are the receptors of annual reports from hazardous material facilities located in Rockland and from critical needs facilities.

A required table-top exercise has been planned and results will be submitted to the State in the near future. Several plans have been reviewed and one scenario has been selected as a final exercise and has been put into the final stage for submission and approval. Recent federal guidelines required major modifications in the process to be followed. When the final report is submitted it will be reviewed by the State Emergency Response Commission and accepted or require modification.

The present committee is made up of the following individuals (with their category designation):

Robert Bowles	Emergency Management
Allan Chiocca	Town Administrator
Dan Callahan	Water Department (Local Environmental)
Lawrence Chaffee	Elected Official
Robert Corvi	Public Works
William Ferguson	Firefighting-EMS (resignation pending)
Fire Chief	Firefighting-EMS (interim Chief)
John Llewellyn	Law Enforcement
John Loughlin	Sewer Department (Local Environmental)
Janice McCarthy	Health
David Murphy	Broadcast Media
John Retchless	School/Transportation
Doric Scarpelli	School/Transportation
VNA Rep.	Hospital/Public Health

Representatives currently listed from manufacturing facilities are

ITW TACC	Kate Ryan
Globe Composite Solutions	representative to be named
National Coating	representative to be named
Venture Tape	representative to be named

We continue to seek additional representation from churches as well as service organizations.

Meetings were held to deal with public health concerns as they relate to infectious diseases. Planning has been completed for emergency dispensing sites at the Memorial Park School and the Community Center. Both have been evaluated by a consultant for the State Board of Health and inventories of needs have been established. A study has been undertaken for adequate access and parking at the Community Center.

This year the Commonwealth has established planning guidelines for dispensing sites for each community. These will be set up to provide emergency supplies, food, and water in the event of a major power outage (storm or other related) or another widespread disaster. Current plans indicate using the Rockland High School parking area with a planned traffic distribution to be established.

As has been the case for the past several years the Chairman has attended an increasingly larger number of sessions dealing with emergency response and planning. Health Agent Janice McCarthy has attended numerous health and planning sessions. The LEPC has unfortunately had less communication with our State consultant although communication with our Health Agent continues.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Bowles
Chairman

TAXATION AID COMMITTEE

It is my pleasure as Chairman of the Taxation Aid Committee to submit our first Annual Report to the Citizens of Rockland. At the Annual Town Meeting, May 7, 2007 Article 44 was approved accepting Massachusetts General Law Chapter 60 Section 3D. This law allows the town to design and place on its municipal tax bills and motor vehicle excise tax bills a section whereby the taxpayers can voluntarily check off and donate an amount no less than one dollar or more in additional taxes which said amount shall be deposited into a special account in the custody of the Treasurer. These funds can then be used for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of the elderly and disabled persons of low income. This law also established a Taxation Aid Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, the Town Treasurer and three residents of the town appointed by the Selectmen to adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section and to identify the recipients of such aid.

On June 15, 2009 the Selectmen appointed the following to serve on this committee: Jeanine Oliver, Patti Penney, John Rogers, Dennis Robson presently Chairman of the Board of Assessors and the Treasurer, Karen Sepeck. Peg Bryan, Council on Aging Director volunteered to serve on this committee as an Associate Member and was so appointed by the Committee. At our first meeting in July John Rogers was elected Chair and Jeanine Oliver, Secretary. As our first task it was voted to have a meeting for senior citizens, October 14th at the Senior Center to explain the Volunteer Tax Program as well as a number of other State and Town Programs that were also available to assist those who needed help in paying their real estate taxes. I would like to point out that our Tax Collector Judy Hartigan, Town Accountant Eric Hart, Anton Materna Veteran's Agent and Delshaune Flipp from the Assessor's Office also attend our meetings when possible and have been a great help in getting us established.

Approximately forty-five seniors and others attended this meeting and many of the available programs were discussed. There was a tremendous amount of information to be absorbed so it was decided that any senior or handicapped person who had concerns could call the Senior Center leaving their phone number and a member of the committee would contact them and set up a one on one meeting. This information would be listed in a section of the monthly Senior Newsletter as well as the Town's Cable TV Station. Further the Assessor's Office would also include updated information and important dates relative to Tax Abatements and other programs under their jurisdiction. Each member of our committee has agreed to be responsible for learning as much as they can about one aspect of the various laws and programs available, so they can provide the necessary guidance.

To inform our taxpayer about the Voluntary Tax Program and how it works, a mailing is planned to every household early 2010. The cost of this mailing has been financed by donations from the Rockland Trust Company, the Rockland Federal Credit Union and the South Coastal Bank.

Last but not least the committee in conjunction with the Council on Aging plan to submit an Article for the May 2010 Town Meeting requesting approval for a Volunteer Work Program. This would allow ten to fifteen senior citizens to do volunteer work in various Town Departments that would allow them to receive a \$500.00 credit towards their real estate tax bill. THESE POSITIONS WOULD ENTAIL DOING EXTRA CHORES AND WOULD NOT BE A BUDGETED POSITION!!!!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Taxation Aid Committee,
John Rogers, Chairman

ROCKLAND TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE & CONSERVATION CORPS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland:

Several important events occurred at the Town Forest in 2009. We had another Eagle Scout project completed by scout Steven DuRoss of Troop 113. His project entailed the construction of a water storage facility to catch rainfall for use on our garden. This has been a great help since for over twenty years we have always had to carry water from our homes to water the crops. We used the water storage facility mainly during August and September since July was cool and wet. I am hoping next year will be a better growing year and Steven's project will help us a great deal.

We mentioned in the 2008 annual report that we had started on the construction of a hiking trail through the Town Forest from North Avenue to Spruce Street. Most of the time at the Town Forest this past year was spent on the construction of that trail and other trail improvements. The trail was measured at a total length from end to end to be 3,350 feet give or take ten feet. The trail is passable but not finished as yet. More work still needs to be completed in the spring. A number of deck bridges had to be constructed and two log bridges. Several more crossings will be upgraded next year. These are needed due to the amount of drainage that passes through the lower wetland area to accommodate run-off from Salem Street and Salem Woods Estates.

As the year progressed and we moved along more and more people started to use the trail. During the week you found four to six people, but on the weekends you would find fifteen to thirty people on a Saturday or Sunday. This was in part due to better off street parking on North Avenue. We are planning more improvements on the Spruce Street end and have just started the clean-up of the Town Forest portion of French's Stream, removing old TV's, tires, wheel drums, brake drums, etc. This will continue next spring, as the weather improves, it is our goal to remove any hazardous waste from the stream and allow it to flow more like it originally did in the past. We are also noting more wildlife and plant species' that have not been found previously within the borders of the Town Forest.

We are looking forward to the 2010 season. The Rockland Town Forest is a valuable area for flood storage, passive recreation and educational activities. Most of this land was gifted to the Town to be maintained in its present state for passive recreation and flood control. The Rockland Town Forest Committee is committed to keeping that ideal alive. We do not use tax dollars for our projects, but rely on donations, organizations, individuals, etc. to improve the Rockland Town Forest.

Volunteer hours from Rockland Town Forest Committee, boy scouts and other volunteers during 2009: 340 hours

ROCKLAND TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT 2009

Balance forward FY 2008:	\$4,367.00
Total Collections:	
Plymouth County Beekeepers Association	50.00
2009 Crop Sales	24.00
Scrap Metal Sales	205.00
Abington Garden Club (lecture)	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. William Watson (donation)	19.00
Total Credits:	348.00
Total Expenditures:	
Bridge Construction Materials	471.56
Total Debits:	471.56
Net Change:	-123.56
Balance forward to FY 2009:	\$4,367.00
2009 Expenses:	123.56
Balance forward to FY 2010:	\$4,243.44

Respectfully submitted

George H. Anderson, Chairman
Virginia M. Anderson
Robert Ingeno
James Norman
Michael O'Brien

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND
CLIMATE SUMMARY
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009**

Station Location: 355 Forest Street, Rockland, Massachusetts
Map Location (U.S.G.S.): N 42 9' 15" – W 70 54' 30"
Elevation above sea level: 151 feet

Growing Season Data (Based on a killing frost of 32 F)

Last Killing Frost (spring): April 20, 2009
First Killing Frost (fall): October 14, 2009
Length of Growing Season: 176 days (average is ~ 150 days)

Temperature data

Year's Highest Temperature & Date: 96 F on August 16, 2009
Year's Lowest Temperature & Date: -3 F on January 16, 2009
Heat Waves Recorded: Dates & Duration: August 15th through August 19th
(Based on three or more consecutive days
with temperatures 90 F or above.)

Precipitation data

Annual Precipitation: 56.66"
30 year normal: 45.31"
Most amount of rainfall in a 24 hour period: 2.60" from 6 PM 9/11/09 to 6 PM 9/12/09
Recorded from 6:00 P to 6:00 P
Most amount of snowfall for a single storm: 16.00" from 11 PM on 12/19/09 to 4 PM on
12/20/2009.
6:00 P to 6:00 P 12/19 – 12/20 we received 10.75"

General Comments

The year 2009 will go down in the books as one of the worst growing years in past memory for several reasons: first, June was well below average in temperature and July was below average in temperature and well above average in precipitation. We only had about two-thirds of the normal sunshine we would experience this time of year and that alone slowed crop growth. This also caused several crop related diseases to proliferate, which made a bad event that much worse. Precipitation for the year was twenty-five percent above average and snowfall was thirty-five percent above average, most of the snow fell during the months of January and December. Two medium sized snowstorms fell in January and one large coastal storm was recorded in December. Thankfully we had no tropical storms come our way this past year, but it has been almost twenty years since "Hurricane Bob" came through the area and we are overdue for a good hit. Even though January, June, July and October were below normal the temperature still ended up just above the annual average. Hopefully the year 2010 will be a better year for crops in the region.

Climate Summary

Temperature in degrees Fahrenheit																								
Month	Daily Maximum	30 year Normal	Departure From Normal	Daily Minimum	30 year Normal	Departure From Normal	Daily Mean	30 year Normal	Departure From Normal	Monthly High Temp	Monthly Low Temp	Monthly Mean	Degrees Days	Normal Degrees Days	Departure From Normal	Monthly Precipitation	30 year Normal	Departure From Normal	Total Snowfall For Month					
													Base 65 F											
January	32.2	36.6	-4.4	15.4	18.5	-3.1	23.8	27.5	-3.7	44	-3	1275	1156	119	0.69	4.37	3.68	0.69	18.30"					
February	43	38.6	4.4	22.7	19.6	3.1	32.9	29.1	3.8	65	-1	899	1008	-109	-1.67	2.16	3.83	-1.67	7.30"					
March	47.7	45.8	1.9	27	27.4	-0.4	37.4	36.3	1.1	64	9	839	876	-37	-1.2	3.05	4.25	-1.2	9.50"					
April	62.7	57.9	4.8	40	35.9	4.1	51.4	46.9	4.5	93	27	424	538	-114	3.6	5.5	3.6	1.9	0"					
May	71.7	68.9	2.8	49.5	45	4.5	60.6	57.1	3.5	90	39	151	270	-119	3.25	2.88	3.25	-0.37	0"					
June	73	77.5	-4.5	55.3	54.3	-1	64.2	65.9	-1.7	85	43	63	70	-7	1.48	4.47	2.99	1.48	0"					
July	80.2	82.2	-2	60.3	59.9	0.4	70.3	71.1	-0.8	92	46	5	617	-517	5.86	8.95	3.09	5.86	0"					
August	84.6	80.5	4.1	64.3	58.5	5.8	74.5	69.5	5	96	53	2	24	-22	-0.21	3.68	3.89	-0.21	0"					
September	73.9	73.1	0.8	51.8	50.8	1	62.9	62	0.9	86	37	96	142	-46	-0.13	3.95	4.08	-0.13	0"					
October	60.4	63.8	-3.4	41.4	41.2	0.2	50.9	52.5	-1.6	75	29	432	389	43	4.83	8.44	3.61	4.83	0.25"					
November	55.6	52.2	3.4	39.7	33.3	6.4	47.7	42.7	5	71	25	507	674	-167	-0.87	3.68	4.55	-0.87	0"					
December	40.1	40.1	0	23.2	22.4	0.8	31.7	31.3	0.4	68	5	1034	1039	-5	1.03	5.53	4.5	1.03	22.30"					
Annual Average															Totals	50.7	49.3	1.4	2076	2279	-203	56.66"	57.65"	
															Total Precipitation:					Total Snowfall:				



ROCKLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

Last year was a time of continued commitment, great progress and proven success for members of the Rockland Energy Committee as we continued advancing our collective goals of becoming an all-around sustainable, energy-efficient community. With support from our partners and town residents, Rockland has unmistakably made its mark as leader on these issues around the region—and throughout the Commonwealth—and it's clear that we are moving forward.

After learning of the success of our grant application to construct a solar panel array on the top of the Rockland High School from the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust, our Committee spent the first part of the year preparing bidding requirements and project specifications in accordance with state procurement laws which allowed us to seek proposals from a number of area contractors.

In partnership with School Superintendent John Retchless, Assistant Superintendent Doric Scarpelli, along with Marilyn Werkheiser and Mike Mullen from the School Committee, we performed a thorough and



**The new 23.8kW grant-funded solar array atop
Rockland High School**

competitive selection process based on DCAM certification, the size and price of the proposed solar array from each company, engineering documentation, warranties, and the educational programming components included in each proposal. At a joint meeting between the Energy and School Committees in early May, members from each committee voted unanimously to award the contract to Fall River Electrical Associates.

The project—which will save an estimated \$4,000 annually in energy costs for the school department—was completed just before the start of the new school year, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the Energy Committee and attended by high school students, town residents and federal, state and local officials was held on October 23, 2009. Residents can keep up-to-date with the daily and lifetime energy output of the solar array, its status and history on the Energy Committee's homepage found at www.rockland-ma.gov.

However, working to ensure the successful installation of the high school solar array was not the only project on our Committee's list in 2009. With our partners on the Planning and Zoning Boards, we worked to write a by-law that will serve as the foundation for siting wind turbines in the town. We also applied for a first grant with the state Department of Energy Resources (DOER) last May that would provide energy audits—similar to those performed at the schools

last year—at the Town Hall, the Fire and Police Departments, the Highway Department, Abington-Rockland Joint Water Works, the Library and Community Center. The town is currently on a waiting list for these audits, and we expect to hear more about them being performed the first half of this year.

In the meantime, we are also taking our own steps in doing what we can to make our buildings more energy-efficient. Using the last of our earned \$3,017 *Clean Energy Choice*® grant funding, the Committee is planning to install solar panel-powered lights around the perimeter of Town Hall this spring. So, stay tuned for more information on both fronts!

Continuing to take advantage of all grant opportunities that come our way, members of the Rockland Energy Committee finished the year by putting the finishing touches on a second grant application to the DOER to install a solar array—similar to the one constructed at the high school—on the Esten School roof. The preparation and completion of this latest grant proposal serves as yet another shining example of the Committee’s strong partnership with the School Department, and we thank them for their continued support of our work. We should also hear more information about the status of this grant within the coming months.

While there is so much that our Committee has learned and accomplished over the past three years, we realize that there is still so much more to do. We greatly appreciate the widespread—and ongoing—support we’ve received from Congressman Bill Delahunt, State Senator Michael Morrissey and State Representative Bob Nyman, in addition to members of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, town department heads and all town residents. We look forward to continuing our work with you and all of our neighbors towards reaching our collective goals for our great community!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mullen, Jr.

Rockland Energy Committee
Carol Perilli, Chair
James Paul, Vice-Chair
Michael Mullen, Jr., Secretary
Heidi Hosmer, Treasurer
Frank Delprete
Steve Johnson
Phil Wood



Mark Sylvia, Director of the DOER's Green Communities Division, cuts the ribbon for the new High School solar array with Mike Mullen and Superintendent John Retchless looking on

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

As a vital part of Rockland's community, the Community Center is currently home to the Council on Aging, WIC, Head Start, Rockland Day Care, the Youth Commission, Teen Center and the Meals on Wheels Program. In addition, the Holy Family School rents out the gymnasium one and a half days per week for their physical education program. The Girls Scouts, Rockland Little League and the Defenders Drum & Bugle Corp hold meetings on a regular basis.

The Rockland Community Center Supervisory Board is made up of five citizens who oversee the income, expenditures, maintenance of the building and grounds, while implement guidelines for the safety and security of the building and its tenants. The building is funded from rents collected by all building tenants, with the exception of the Council on Aging and the Teen Center, plus gym rentals and donations.

We the Community Center Committee would like to thank the Highway, Park and School Departments for their continued support in helping us maintain the constant repairs and improvements to the building. This past year we have also enlisted the services of the Community Trial Court Program in doing some outside maintenance to the building.

We continue to be optimistic regarding the future of the building. Even without the use of the elevator and the downturn of the economy creating the need for less rental space within departments creating less revenue to run the building, we hope to maintain our current status.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Furlong, Chairman
Thomas Banks
Edward Borges
Karen Guerrette
Denise Morin

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland

I hereby submit the Annual Report as the Director of Veterans' Services for 2009

The office of Veterans Services continues to provide a wide range of services to the veterans and widows of the community. Financial assistance may be provided to those veterans and or widows who are in need and qualify, under ch.1115 of the MGL. A summary of the types of services and benefits which may be available to qualified veterans, widows and dependents are as follows: assistance in obtaining the state bonus, matters related to VA compensation and Pensions, educational and vocational benefits, employment, medical problems, Notary services, and available reference materials.

The Selectmen continue to recognize those veterans who have served honorably. Certificates of appreciation have been presented this past year to veterans who have returned to Rockland from serving their country. This office continues to request the names of those individuals who are presently serving in the Armed Forces from Rockland.

The state legislators have provided great support to various bills regarding veterans, their children and their widows. The state annuity is available for qualified veterans and widows which is \$2000.00. The annuity is paid \$1000.00 in February and August. The state treasurer's office continues to make a concerted effort to inform veterans of the state bonus that is available to those who have served. The bonus is \$1000.00 for those who served in Iraq or Afghanistan, and \$500.00 to those whose service was in other than a war zone and served under Title 10 of the U.S Code. The State continues to assist with the increased fuel assistance to help those who are in receipt of benefits under Chapter 115 of the M.G.L. Compensation and pension benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs had no cost of living increase this year. Veterans being discharged from the military have five years of enhanced health care from the VA Medical system. A new G.I. Bill has been authorized and became effective in August 2009.

Again the Town of Rockland lost one of our own to the War on Terrorism. Specialist Matthew M Pollini was killed in the line of duty in Iraq on January 22, 2009. His funeral was held on February 2, 2009 in Rockland. The residents and businesses showed great support for Spec. Matthew Pollini as they lined the streets with a display of American flags as the procession moved up Union Street to The Holy Family Church. A thank you to the fire department and police departments from all over participated in the procession who paid their respects to a fallen soldier, who gave his all to allow us the freedoms that we cherish.

The Union Square Memorial was refurbished at no cost to the town. Over \$10,000.00 was raised from local businesses as well as residents. The 3"/50 Caliber mounted gun has been repainted, a new flag pole was installed, and new sod was put down. The old stone was replaced with new brick and cobble stone around the edge of the Monument. A low-profile sprinkler system was installed, as well as a new lighting system. The rededication was done on Memorial Day, with the inscription of LCPL Walter K. O'Haire and Spec Matthew M. Pollini on the Memorial.

The 56th Annual Tri-Town Veterans Parade was held in Abington on November 11, 2009. The theme for the parade was: "For Those Who Are Still Serving." Grand Marshall was James Garrison, Pearl Harbor Survivor of World War II. There were 6 Divisions. The

weather was cold, but clear skies, making for a decent day for the parade. Whitman will be host to the parade in 2010.

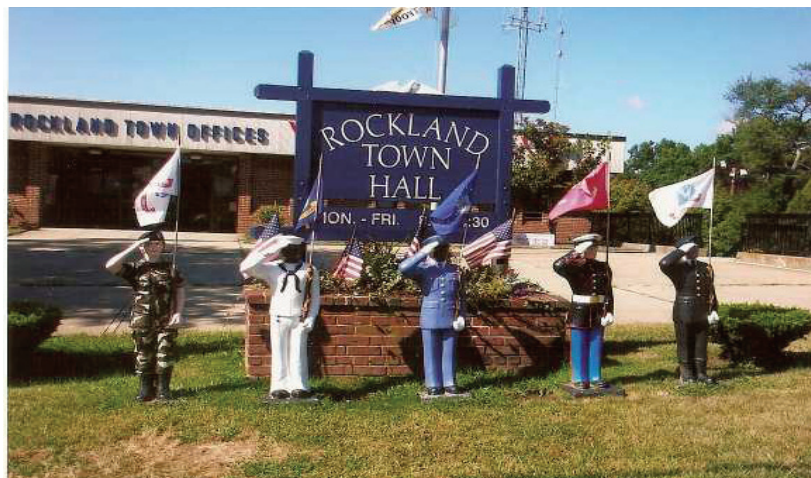
A thanks goes out to the employees of Blue Cross and Blue Shield from the office in Hingham. Again they provided food baskets to the veterans and widows of Rockland over the Christmas holiday.

A receptacle is located on the ground floor of the town hall for the retiring of old, torn, or worn flags. The flags are given to the various service organizations as well as the scouts for proper ceremonial disposal. There is also a box in the lobby of Town hall for old and used cell phones. These phones are given to Brittany and Robbie Bergquist, who recycle the phones for "Cell Phone For Soldiers" calling cards.

This office wishes to thank Beverly Fader, a WWII veteran for her donation of the female military statue that is located in front of Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Anton F Materna
Director of Veterans' Services



Left to right: US Army (female); US Navy; US Air Force; US Marines & US Army (male).
We welcome the new US Army female who proudly joins her comrades in arms.

VETERANS' BURIAL AGENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland

I hereby submit the Annual report as the Veterans' Burial Agent for 2009

The deaths of the veterans who have passed away during the year have been recorded with the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Issues regarding the headstones and markers at the cemeteries, upon the death of a veteran, are done on a timely basis.

On May 23, 2009, two days prior to Memorial Day, the American flags were placed on the veterans graves in the cemeteries in Rockland. The Allied Veterans Council, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and many volunteers helped in the placing of the flags. There were approximately 2000 flags placed on the veterans graves. With the large number of volunteers who helped in placing the flags it made the job go very effectively. Thank you to all who participated in honoring our veterans.

On Memorial Day, May 25 2009, the parade participants formed at Summit Street. From there the parade proceeded to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery where a short service was given. Invocation was given by Father James Hickey of Holy Family Church. The guest speaker at the cemetery was Senator Michael Morrissey.

The parade proceeded down Union Street. At the Memorial Library, the invocation was given by Father James Hickey. The parade continued to Union Square, and the invocation was again read by Father James Hickey. The Union Square Memorial was rededicated, having just been refurbished with new paver brick, water sprinkler system and new turf. The Grand Marshall, Lt. Col Joseph F Morrissey Jr, was the guest speaker. He spoke about his tours in Iraq and his service to America, and was honored to be the Grand Marshall.

Respectfully submitted

Anton F Materna
Director of Veterans' Services

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Inhabitants of the Towns of Abington and Rockland:

We The Abington/Rockland Joint Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submit the following report of the Joint Water Works for the year 2009.

This past year we saw the completion of our treatment project, which consisted of plant upgrades, automated chemical feed systems and remote plant monitoring. These endeavors were funded with a 2% loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

In addition to these projects we began construction on water storage tanks on Chestnut Street and Lincoln Street in Abington. Upon completion of the tank erections the two existing tanks on Lincoln Street will be demolished. These tanks are larger and will allow the department to store additional water during off peak hours in this area of town. The water will then be available for consumption and Fire Protection during peak demand times.

Another 2009 project saw the beginning of construction of the Sludge Handling Facilities at both of our surface water supplies. These facilities when completed will allow us to dewater the waste processing sludge, recycle the water back to the reservoir or pond for additional treatment and remove the waste from site as slurry, thus reducing the cost of removal by not handling a water laden product.

Similar to the Treatment Plant Upgrades both of these projects were also funded by a 2% loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust. The difference with these projects is that 16 ½% of the borrowed monies were forgiven and funded through the American Recovery Act.

The Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works delivered 1,010,295,604 gallons of water throughout the year. This was a decrease of 63,198,834 gallons from 2008. The following record details our monthly pumping rate.

JANUARY	88,572,907 gals	JULY	84,899,344 gals
FEBRUARY	82,646,188 gals	AUGUST	86,875,906 gals
MARCH	83,531,613 gals	SEPTEMBER	81,820,844 gals
APRIL	87,558,608 gals	OCTOBER	80,052,506 gals
MAY	93,011,344 gals	NOVEMBER	75,515,375 gals
JUNE	85,538,594 gals	DECEMBER	80,272,375 gals

“With Water Works Pride”

Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works Commissioners

Ray Campanile, Co-Chairman
William T. Low
Robert Corvi

Steven D. Bradbury, Co-Chairman
John E. Warner, Secretary
Richard D. Muncey

Daniel F. Callahan, Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Rockland:

The Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submits the following report for the Rockland Water Department for the year 2009.

Continuing with the program to upgrade our distribution system 2009 saw the water main replacements on Salem Street from Spruce Street to North Avenue, on Park Street, Holbrook Street and North Douglas Street.

Our meter replacement program continued throughout the year. It is a time consuming endeavor from both the installation and clerical perspective, but your professional water department staff is diligently plowing ahead and the end product will prove to be an asset to all of our customers.

The following is a list of some of the major duties performed by your water department in 2009:

Main Repairs	6
Service Repairs	12
Hydrant Repairs	2
Hydrant Replacements	3
Meter Replacements	509
Gate Valve Replacement	1
Curb Stop Repairs	4
Curb Stop Replacements	2
Billing and Collection	
Reconciliations	6050 accounts with quarterly billing

Our thanks go out to all the departments and their staff who throughout the year in one way or another provided assistance to the Water Department. This is a reciprocal effort that has always been there and is the foundation of your Municipality at its best.

Thank you for a job well done.

“With Water Works Pride”

Rockland Board of Water Commissioners

Ray Campanile, Chairman
Robert Corvi, Sr.

William T. Low, Secretary
Daniel F. Callahan, Superintendent

**South Shore Tri-Town Development
Corporation (SSTTDC)
Kevin R. Donovan, Chief Executive Officer**

The Board of Directors of the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation is pleased to present its tenth Annual Report to the Town of Rockland for Fiscal Year 2009. Complete copies of the Corporation's Audited Financial Statements will be available at the Town Offices and the Public Library in October 09.

On July 31, 2008 Section 37 of Chapter 303 of the Acts of 2008, to amend Chapter 301 of the Acts of 1998 to establish a public corporation, SSTTDC, was enacted and signed into law by the Governor.

The Enabling Act and the Zoning and Land Use By-Laws grant the Corporation legislative authority within the boundaries of SouthField and the power to exercise administrative and enforcement authority on zoning, licensing and permitting applications.

Municipal Administration:

Acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, the Directors reviewed, and approved with conditions, LNR's Revised Phase 1A Development Plan, and Revised Phase 1A Definitive Subdivision Plan.

Later in the year the Directors met as the Permit Granting Authority to review their first site plan application – for a residential apartment complex. Conditions were set and the proposed complex was approved. To date, no building permits have been issued.

The RFP for the design/build of the East/West Parkway was issued to the three pre-qualified Teams and their proposals were ranked by technical merit and by price. Barletta Heavy Division was recommended to the Board as the preferred contractor with which to enter into contract negotiations.

In preparation for property assessments and taxation, the Directors submitted a Municipal Tax Plan and a Land Value Database to the Mass Dept. of Revenue for their review and guidance. The Board also established FY09 Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds, implemented a conversion process to a MUNIS accounting system, prepared the Corporation's first Tax Recapitulation Sheet and appointed a Board of Assessors to conduct preliminary approvals on taxable land values, as per the Mass. Bureau of Local Assessment.

Financial Plan:

In concert with the Tax Plan, the Board released a Preliminary Limited Offering Memorandum and Plan of Finance to the bond market for distribution to potential investors, and retained the services of Bank of New York as the Bond Trustee for Infrastructure Development Revenue Bonds.

Due to current market conditions, the Corporation experienced difficulties with bonding and engaged the services of Del Rio Advisors, LLC as a financial advisor for an alternative funding strategy, and Corby Capital Markets, Inc. as an investment banker and underwriter for bond issuance as a public offering.

The Corporation submitted a Project Evaluation Form in application for State Revolving Funds in support of wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects. The Corporation ranked well among competing cities and towns, however, we fell just short of the minimum score necessary to qualify for funding in 2009.

In request of funding opportunities presented by the Federal Stimulus Bill, the Corporation submitted detailed information on three projects that were considered “shovel ready” – the East/West Parkway, the Wastewater Reclamation Facility and Phase 1B Infrastructure/Project-Wide Demolition.

Market conditions caused further delays in the Navy’s transfer of the remaining 836 acres of federal land to the Corporation. Efforts continue to find funding sources that will spur the conveyance.

Permits Received:

State and Federal certificates and permits issued for the SouthField Project include:

- Mass Dept. of Environmental Protection – 401 Water Quality Certificate
- Mass Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program – Conservation and Management Permit
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – 404 Category II General Programmatic Permit
- Federal Transit Administration – Filing of No Significant Impact on the E/W Parkway Project’s Environmental Assessment

SSTTDC Update

In September 2008 Weymouth Representative David Chandler attended his final Board of Director’s meeting, and Joseph Connolly was appointed to the Board by Mayor Kay.

Also in September the Rockland Board of Selectmen appointed Gerard Eramo to fill the seat previously vacated by John Rogers.

Prior to Fiscal Year 2009 the Board engaged the services of Eric J. Kfoury to provide interim assistance to the Corporation due to the departure of the former Executive Director, Terry Fancher.

In January 09 Kevin R. Donovan was hired as the Corporation’s first Chief Executive Officer.

As we evolve into a municipal form of government, and in spite of current economic conditions, the Corporation continues to move the SouthField project closer to reality.

Respectfully Submitted
SSTTDC Board of Directors
James W. Lavin, Chairman
John R. Ward
Jeffrey D. Wall
Joseph A. Connolly
Gerard Eramo

Kevin R. Donovan,
Chief Executive Officer

ROCKLAND TEEN CENTER COMMITTEE

Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Rockland:

The Rockland Teen Center Committee submits the following report.

This past year the Teen Center continues to be housed in the basement/gym area of the McKinley Community Center. We are open Friday and Saturday nights from 7-9 pm for 6th and 7th graders, and from 7-11 pm for 8-12th graders. Memberships are \$20 per year and give the teen unlimited use of all our services. We are "self-supporting" and also perform our own regular cleaning of the spaces we use in the Community Center therefore further reducing the impact of the Community Center's budget.

The Board Members/Volunteers have worked hard to make the Teen Center a place that the teens will want to visit. Over the past year we have painted the hallway and television areas, and installed a new door. We routinely have dances, special events, and even brought two busloads of Teen Center members to Canobie Lake Park for the end of year event. Through money raised during the year we were able to bus the members to Canobie Lake, purchase their tickets, give them t-shirts, and pizza and soda for dinner all for only \$5 each!

Some of the activities we offer our members are:

3 Pool tables	Bumper Pool
Dance Dance Revolution	X-Box 360 with over 20 games available
Playstation 2 with over 40 games	Basketball Court
70" Television	Karaoke
Seasonal Dances	Sundae Parties

We have also done "dinner" nights where we order Chinese Food for everyone in attendance and are always celebrating birthdays with cakes. We also offer a snack bar with Pizza, soda, candy, and chips.

We truly enjoy being with the kids at the Center, however we have seen a decline of members and attendees this year. We currently average 100 teens on any given weekend night. As always, we need parents to volunteer as chaperones on Fridays and Saturdays. If each parent of a Teen Center member gave us one night of help during the year, our mission would be very easy. There have been nights where we would not open due to lack of parent volunteers. The more help we get, the better the supervision. We thank the volunteers who gave up a Friday or Saturday night to spend with us. Most people who have volunteered usually come back. The teens are really fantastic and fun to be around. We encourage parents to come down and check us out!

The Teen Center Committee:

Denise Morin	Beth Ryan
Ralph Frechette	Mark Underwood- Treasurer
Vin Hutt	Mary Lou Boyle
Lindy Paul	

YOUTH COMMISSION

2009 Annual Town Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

During the 2009 calendar year, the Youth Commission carried out its program under Chapter 8E of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. We are pleased to submit the following report that outlines the programs offered to the young people of Rockland.

“Forty Years” of Youth Recreation

A little history.....

The Youth Commission has been in full operation since 1970. During that year, a budget of \$33,750.00 was forthcoming from the state Youth Service Board to operate a youth service program in the Town of Rockland. In February, a full-time director was hired to carry out the functions of the Commission. Located in a former Community Center, they had a rental agreement of \$1.00 per year for use of the basement and an office.

Forty years later we are still in full operation with a town appropriated budget of \$40,000.00, a full-time director and administrative assistant to carry out the functions of the Commission, plus a rental agreement with the Community Center for use of the gymnasium, kitchen, office space and 3 classrooms for \$21,840.00 per year.

From January to December, with the exception of the summer months, programs were offered six days a week and included the Youth Commission Dance School with Marie and Diane, the Tot Enrichment “Chipmunk” Pre-School and Nursery School Program, Cartoon Drawing, Preschool Arts and Crafts, Babysitter Training, Cartoon Drawing, Kitchen Kids Cooking, Biddy Basketball, Jr. Basketball, Floor Hockey, Minisports, South Shore Performing Arts theatrical presentation of Hair Spray, Indoor Baseball Clinic, Instructional Tee Ball, Instructional Indoor Tennis, Advanced Tumbling, Gymnastics, Self Defense and Racquetball.

During the summer months programs offered through the Youth Commission included Skyhawk Sports Camp, Cheerleading, Baseball, Performing Arts, Creative Cooking, Tae Kwon Do, Cartoon Drawing, Basketball, Gymnastics, Tee Ball, Minisports and Instructional Tennis. And, for the first time in 36 years, due to extremely low enrollments, the Hartsuff Park Recreational Area did not open its doors to the public for swimming and it’s very popular full day program and half-day “Chipmunk” program.

Special events this year included the Gingerbread Workshop, February and April Vacation Programs, Philip & Henry’s Magic Show, the Youth Commission Dance Recital and the Annual Fishing Derby at Reed’s Pond.

The Youth Commission was able to continue operating many of its recreational programs through the establishment of a revolving fund in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of operating recreation and leisure services to the children in the community on a self-supporting basis through user fees.

Tot Enrichment Program

The 2008-2009 school year marks the 24th year that the Youth Commission, in conjunction with the Rockland School Department, has operated this very popular Tot Enrichment Nursery and Preschool Program. The program was designed in response to the need for a high quality yet affordable program within the community.

Located in the Community Center, the program serviced 89 children, three to five years of age, encouraging them to be actively involved in the learning process. Classes are structured around a variety of developmentally appropriate activities. All students are encouraged to pursue their own interests. The teachers work with the children in developing their social and emotional maturity in preparation for the school environment.

Utilizing three classrooms and the gymnasium, head teachers Cathy MacQuarrie, Judy Ketterer and Barbara Fournier were assisted by Karen Crane, Lisa Dutra, Joanne Reagan, Cathy Ewell and music teacher, Sue Simmons.

This year, through a grant funded by the Rockland Arts Lottery Council, the Nursery class visited “Our World Children’s Discovery Museum” in Cohasset and the Preschool class visited Dalby Farm in Scituate. The “chipmunks” enjoyed special activities and events throughout the school year including ice cream parties, holiday parties, a puppet show, a magic show and graduation celebrations.

In closing, the Youth Commission wishes to extend their appreciation to the Selectmen, the School Department, other town departments and Youth Commission staff for their continued support of programs and activities for the children of Rockland. We especially want to thank all the townspeople who have been a continued source of support.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Furlong, Chairman
Marc Craig
Kathleen Daggett
Laurie Dolan
Lisa Wright-Murphy
Karen Guerrette, Youth Service Director

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

The Zoning Board of Appeals is pleased to submit its annual report for the calendar year 2009.

During the calendar year of 2009 the Board has been involved with petitions submitted by the Applicants regarding Special Permits, Section 6 Findings, and Variances.

The Zoning Board focuses on providing the Town with the best use of the remaining vacant land. After a public hearing, the Board votes on the issues and makes a finding for or against a proposed project. Sometimes, the Board will approve with conditions, so that the project will have a minimal impact on the Town. With today's economy, the Board has seen less activity in the way of additions to existing homes.

The Board adopted the guide for Best Practices for Streamlining the Permitting Process in 2008 and used that process to permit a 121 room hotel across from Bella's Restaurant which will be known as Cambria Suites. This will be an up-scale hotel with its own lounge and bar.

Best Practices has been assembled by the Commonwealth's Regional Planning Agencies, is the initiative of municipal leadership to create a spirit of cooperation that will expedite permitting of desired development in selected locations with pre-determined infrastructure and mitigation, as necessary. Combined Public Hearings speed up this process by reducing significantly the number of meetings that an applicant needs to attend. The practice also allows a municipality to manage the sequence of its reviews, and consolidate reviews, without having to infringe on the regulatory authority of each board. Coordinating permit application review is an efficient use of staff, board and proponents' time and effort.

The Best Practices only works when there is good communications from other Town Departments and the willingness to work together as a Team. The Board would like give a special thanks to Chairman Henderson and the rest of the members of the Planning Board for their efforts in making the joint meetings a great success, and to all the other Town Boards, Committees and Town Departments for their input with any Zoning issues.

The Chairman would like to thank each and every Board member for his/her many long hours of dedicated service in attending monthly ZBA meetings. The Chairman feels that the Board has members that are very dedicated to the Town and provide a valuable service to the people of Rockland.

The Chairman and the Recording secretary would like to thank Bette and Tom in the Building Department for reviewing the applications prior to filing; Mary Pat, Randy and Linda in the Town Clerk's Office for their assistance with the ZBA filings; Deli in the Assessor's Office for her quick turnaround of abutters lists; and Mary from the Selectmen's office for being involved with receiving mail and scheduling meetings for the Zoning Board.

We would like to give our sincere thanks to our land use attorney John Goldrosen for his assistance with our land use issues.

The Board wishes to thank our Recording Secretary, Candi for all her meeting postings, phone calls, advertisements, correspondence, delivery of packets, typing and all the other run-around needed between the Town Departments and Board members to get her job done.

Respectfully submitted,

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911

Business

781-878-2123

POLICE EMERGENCY

911

Business

781-871-3890

Rockland Town Hall (Main Number)

781-871-1874

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Town Clerk	# 1
Town Collector	# 2
Building Department	# 3
Selectmen	# 4
Assessor	# 5
Board of Health	# 6
Accountant	# 7
Treasurer	# 8
Planning Board	# 170
Zoning Board	# 175
Veterans' Agent	# 180
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SCHOOLS:

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Rockland High School	781-871-0541
Rogers Middle School	781-878-4341
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Obituary

Edward M. Kennedy



United States Senator from Massachusetts

In office

November 7, 1962 – August 25, 2009

Born: 22 February 1932

Died: 25 August 2009

Birthplace: Brookline, Massachusetts

Best known as: U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, 1962-2009

Edward “Teddy” Moore Kennedy was the ninth and last child of Joseph and Rose Kennedy. He was a powerful U.S. Senator from Massachusetts for nearly five decades. Teddy was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in 2008 but remained in the Senate during this time. Teddy was married to his first wife Virginia Joan Bennett until 1984 and had three children, Kara, Edward Jr., and Patrick. In 1992 he married Victoria Reggie. Senator Kennedy died at his family home in Cape Cod on August 25, 2009 and was laid to rest next to his brothers John and Robert at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

**Matthew M. Pollini Funeral
Monday, February 2, 2009
At Holy Family Church**



***“Till our final ride, it will always be our pride
To keep those caissons a rolling along”***

